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Khaled improves

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — King Khaled is continuing to recover from the illness which put him in hospital here 10 days ago. "The doctors report that the health of his Majesty is improving constantly and his condition is reassuring," an official statement said.

The 67-year-old King received a number of princes, cabinet ministers and citizens Wednesday at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh, it added.

Health Minister Hussein Jazaeri said a week ago that medical tests on the King showed he was suffering from overwork and strain and his illness was not connected with the heart operations he had in 1972 and 1978.

Ismail denies Soviet bases in S. Yemen

KUWAIT, Feb. 27 (AP) — President Abdul Fattah Ismail of South Yemen Wednesday denied the existence of Soviet bases in his strategically placed country by the entrance to the Red Sea.

In a wide ranging interview with the Kuwait newspaper, *Al-Siyassah*, Ismail supported the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan and admitted that relations between his government and both Saudi Arabia and Iraq were "cool."

"Reports about the existence of Soviet naval and nuclear bases, reconnaissance planes and a Soviet military buildup in South Yemeni waters are utterly baseless," Ismail declared.

"These lies are assigned to provide a pretext for the United States to strengthen its military presence in the area and to place the region under its direct influence in order to preserve its oil interests," president Ismail added.

South Yemen has a friendship treaty with the Soviet Union which together with East Germany and Cuba maintain an estimated total of 1,500 military advisers in the country.

South Yemen "is proud of its friendship with the Soviet Union, which is based on equality and mutual respect, as the Soviet Union with other socialist countries such as East Germany and Cuba has provided us with military assistance since our independence," Ismail said.

He also denied "rumors and allegations about the creation of an Afghan-South Yemen-Ethiopia axis or a South Yemen presence in Afghanistan."

Saudi-aided students fly to Pakistan

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 27 — A group of Yemeni students with scholarships from Saudi Arabia, whom the Yemeni government originally intended to send to Moscow, will study in Pakistani Universities instead, *Arab News* has learned.

President Ali Abdullah Saleh Wednesday reversed the decision first revealed last month by *Asharq Al-Awsat*.

Saudi Arabia had originally granted the scholarships for the students to attend Saudi universities.

The group of 120 students left Sanaa for Islamabad Wednesday aboard a Saudia special flight along with Ahmad Al-Jubair, the Kingdom's educational attaché in Sanaa who will help in the registration process.

Yemen's Education Minister Mubammad Al-Khadem Al-Wajih said Wednesday that the scholarships were in the context of cultural cooperation agreement between the two countries "in confirmation of the deep fraternal ties that bind together the peoples of Saudi Arabia and North Yemen."



RESCUED: Civil Defense personnel presented a demonstration of their firefighting and rescue techniques in Jeddah Wednesday. Acting Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen watched as the men staged mock rescues, including this one of a potential drowning victim. (More photos on page 11)

Abdul Mohsen opens Jeddah Civil Defense

JEDDAH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Acting Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen opened the operations room of the Civil Defense Department here Wednesday.

After inspecting the operations room, which has been equipped with modern helicopter link facilities, he saw a live display of rescue and fire-fighting operations.

The operations included dropping of personnel from the helicopter, stretcher-carrying injured into the helicopter and mock rescue of a man drowning in the sea.

Civil defense personnel also demonstrated a fire-fighting operation by dropping from a helicopter on a suspended rope and pumping water onto the target.

Following this display, Prince Saud inspected various types of equipment used by the rescue and fire-fighting teams.

The governor expressed his satisfaction with the high level of training and the civil defense personnel capability of confronting emergency situations to protect the lives of citizens. He said civil defense men have proved their ability and readiness to keep pace with the latest technology in rescue and fire-fighting operations.

He said, "What I saw today provides a clear testimony to the excellent training of civil defense officials." He hoped this standard will be maintained in harmony with the latest methods adopted in the field of civil defense.

Col. Ahmed Badr, managing director of Jeddah's civil defense, who accompanied the governor said Prince Saud's inspection tour demonstrated his and the government's desire to support personnel of the civil defense department.

Badr reiterated that civil defense men will remain at the peak of their readiness to make sacrifices in saving the lives of citizens in emergency situations.

Exchange of envoys condemned

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 27 — Saudi Arabia Wednesday joined other Arab countries in denouncing the exchange of ambassadors between Egypt and Israel.

The Saudi Press Agency said, "A Saudi official source denounced the exchange of ambassadors between the Israeli enemy and Egypt Tuesday at a time when the enemy continues to occupy Arab territory and denies the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

The source added that the exchange, condemned by Arab and Islamic nations, now faces internal opposition in Egypt itself.

"The denunciation of the opposition is based on its dissatisfaction of the normalization process with the Zionist entity while it (Israel) continues its expansionist plans and its irresponsible actions against the Palestinian people and the disregard of United Nations resolutions which support Palestinian Arab rights."

The source called for Arab solidarity and adherence to Arab summit resolutions of Rabat, Baghdad and Tunis to work for a just Arab-Israeli settlement based on giving the Palestinians their rights and the withdrawal of Israeli forces.

The source concluded by saying that normalization "has increased tension in the Middle East and did not bring peace closer."

In Baghdad, President Saddam Hussein has dispatched two of his ministers on a tour of Arab capitals to deliver messages to Arab leaders.

Interior Minister Saadoun Shakhri will visit Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and the Yemen Republic, while Commerce Minister Hassao Ali is flying to Libya and Algeria.

The reason for these special messages was not disclosed but observers believe these are connected with the new situation created through the normalization of relations between Egypt and Israel after Tuesday's exchange of ambassadors.

Lebanese Premier Selim Hoss Tuesday described the exchange of ambassadors as "a sad day for all Arabs."

Normalization raises tension in Middle East

He said in a press statement: "The step is tantamount to giving without return."

He added: "How is it possible for an Arab country to offer its utmost, namely recognition and establishing relations, while the Arab cause is still pending, Israel's attack on South Lebanon continues, its occupation of Arab land persists and the Palestinian people remain destitute..."

The independent Lebanese newspaper *Al-Nahar*, in an editorial, described the presentation of credentials as an "unbalanced operation which will not be repeated by any other Arab state unless forced to surrender."

Another independent newspaper *al-Libn* said the Arab's existence and future were now at stake and called for speedy action to mobilize the Arabs' political, economic and military resources for the "decisive battle."

Al-Safir called for "a new pan-Arab strategy to reconsider mistakes and deal with the latest situation."

The holding of a full-fledged Arab summit must be part of moves that should be taken, it said.

Ireland asserts PLO rights

DUBLIN, Feb. 27 (R) — Ireland recognizes the Palestinian rights to self determination and their right to an independent state, Foreign Minister Brian Lenihan told parliament.

But he added that there was "a conflict of rights" in the Middle East which must be reconciled in a negotiated settlement to the Palestinian problem.

Lenihan was being questioned closely by opposition deputies Tuesday about his recent statement recognizing the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) as representatives of the Palestinian people. His statement, during a visit to Bahrain, drew a sharp protest from Israel. Lenihan said Tuesday that his statement was a logical development of the

The pro-Syrian newspaper *Ash-Sharq* said it was "a day of shame," while the Communist party newspaper *Al-Nida* described the exchange as a "declaration of war on others, including the people of Egypt — a war planned and financed by the United States."

Meanwhile, an Egyptian student seized seven men at gunpoint Tuesday while Israel's new ambassador was presenting his credentials in Cairo and demanded that the ambassador be expelled police said Wednesday. But security forces stormed the student's house early Wednesday and overcame him in a gunfight.

A police spokesman said the incident took place at the village of Aghour, about 25 miles (40 km) north of Cairo, while Eliahu Ben Elissar was presenting his credentials to President Anwar Sadat.

Although opposition political organizations staged protest rallies in Cairo while the credentials ceremony was underway, police said the gunman appeared to have "no political affiliations."

The officers said he had prepared his move carefully at least three days in advance. "He had a sawed off shotgun a machinegun and plenty of ammunition," said one officer. "He also bought a microphone and a loudspeaker three days ago with which to broadcast his demands."

The gunman also equipped himself with a searchlight meant to dazzle the infra-red scopes of police snipers, a source said.

Authorities dispatched some 120 security forces and police, and also members of a special anti-terrorist army commando unit.

His family was brought to the scene but failed to persuade him to give up. Police said the gunman opened fire early Wednesday and was shot and captured in the ensuing fusillade.

Police said the gunman appeared to have been influenced by the anti-Sadat policies of Arab countries who oppose Egypt's peace with Israel.

Sadat telephoned President Jimmy Carter Tuesday night to voice his happiness over the establishment of diplomatic relations between Egypt and Israel.

Carter disclosed the call at a White House dinner he gave for state governors, who are holding their winter meeting in Washington.

He quoted President Sadat as saying: "We have exchanged ambassadors with Israel. Everything went well. The people of Egypt are very excited and very proud. We want to express our deep gratitude to the United States."

In Khartoum, Sudan criticized the Egyptian acceptance of credentials from Israel's ambassador and said it would condone its fight against the Zionist enemy.

The Sudanese Foreign Ministry said in statement that Sudan would abide by its historical relations with Egypt.

The Sudanese Socialist Union (SSU), the country's only political organization, also criticized the ceremony and said there could be no peace without an independent Palestinian state. It called for full Israeli withdrawal from occupied territory, including the Holy City of Jerusalem.

Summarily executed in prison

Kabul Islamic leaders killed

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — Islamic religious leaders are being summarily executed in the Afghan capital of Kabul, authoritative sources in Pakistan said Wednesday.

The sources, quoting "well-founded reports," said the names of some of the leaders had been received but had yet to be confirmed.

Kabul radio, monitored here, said Tuesday that "saboteurs" responsible for the disturbances which erupted in Kabul last Thursday would face the processes of law and the guilty would be punished.

One source said, "summary executions of religious leaders have been taking place in the prisons there."

The Soviet Union bombed two Afghan villages for two days this month in retaliation for members of an Afghan army regiment killing 13 Soviet advisers in their sleep and defecting to the insurgents, U.S. intelligence sources say.

The incident occurred north of Jalalabad and was one of the few rumored attacks on Soviet troops that sources in Washington have been able to confirm.

The bombing in Laghman province killed about 80 persons, the sources said Tuesday, but the Afghan army deserters escaped without casualties.

The sources, who asked not to be identified, said they did not know how the Soviet advisers were killed. The sources said the Soviets were attacked Feb. 15, and the bombardment on the two towns where the regiment was stationed occurred about 10 days ago.

They said various reports indicate 150 Soviets have been killed by Afghan regulars, primarily while deserting, but that some of these reports "may be self-serving."

The U.S. administration has estimated there are 70,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan, with a 30,000 more stationed just across the Soviet border.

The report of the attack followed disclosure of a U.S. diplomatic effort officials in Washington hope could lead to a resolution of the Afghanistan situation.

U.S. President Jimmy Carter, in an approach made public Tuesday, has offered to join a multi-national guarantee of Afghanistan's neutrality if that would produce a Soviet troop withdrawal.

There have been no indications the Soviet Union is signaling any interest in working out a diplomatic end to its occupation of Afghanistan.

The proposal followed a speech Friday by Soviet Premier Leonid I. Brezhnev in which the Soviet leader said his country is ready to commence the withdrawal of its troops in Afghanistan "as soon as all forms of outside interference directed against the government and people of Afghanistan are fully terminated."

U.S. State Department officials, who asked not to be named, said U.S. diplomats consulted with Soviet officials in Washington after the speech to determine if it should be interpreted as a diplomatic signal.



CREDENTIALS: Egyptian President Anwar Sadat receives Israeli Ambassador's credentials Tuesday afternoon in Cairo.

League mulls Arab-Israeli feud

TUNIS, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — The Arab League, meeting to discuss a quarrel between Libya and Tunisia over a raid on Tunisian soil a month ago, decided Wednesday to also talk about the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The league was to discuss the exchange of ambassadors between Egypt and Israel, and what were termed "Israeli threats" against Syria.

The league opened a meeting Wednesday morning on Tunisian charges of Libyan subversion and Libyan counter-claims that Tunis called in a French raid to put down an internal popular uprising.

The dispute flared after a guerrilla attack on the Tunisian phosphate mining town of Gafsa last month in which 41 people died and as well as around 250 M 60 tanks.

Israeli A-bomb worries Egyptians

Cairo Bureau

CAIRO, Feb. 27 — Knowledgeable Egyptian sources expressed their "deep worry" at reports of the nuclear weapon exploded by Israel in South Africa. The news came at a time when the two countries were initiating diplomatic relations between them, in accordance with the "normalization" process stipulated by the Camp David peace treaty.

The sources said that Israel, known to have the capability of manufacturing nuclear weapons, has no right to object to the recently reported American arms deal with Egypt. The deal, reported first in *Asharq Al-Awsat*, includes 40 F-15 and 45 F-16 aircraft.

Brash balloonists fume farmers and chill cattle

TOPEKA, Kansas, Feb. 27 (AP) — Complaints from farmers that low-flying sports balloonists are stampeding their cattle and causing some to go dry have sparked a hot debate in the Kansas legislature.

"I have a neighbor who had to sell three cows because they damaged their udders running from low-flying balloons," Marvin Smith, a Shawnee county farmer, told the house of representatives transportation committee on Monday. "I've heard other farmers say they had crops damaged by bal-

more than 100 were injured.

Tunis accused the Libyans of masterminding the raid. Tripoli denied the charge and joined Tunisia in calling for an extraordinary meeting of the 21-member league.

Arab ministers, who gathered in the Tunisian capital Tuesday, held private consultations Tuesday night in an effort to soothe the friction between the North African neighbors.

The meeting, already put back from mid-February, was due to open Tuesday, but was delayed until Wednesday morning because of the late arrival of some delegations, officials said.

Libya wants the Arab meeting to condemn what it described as the French invasion of Tunisia.

Arab News also learnt that Ambassador Alfred Atherton, U.S. envoy in Cairo, had translated to President Sadat of Egypt the text of a report by Israel's Minister of Defense Ezer Weizman, which expresses his government's worry at the possible effect of the arms deal on the strategic balance in the area. The report provided the background for Israel Prime Minister Menachem Begin's attack on the deal.

The attack took the Egyptians by surprise, since they had been previously informed by U.S. officials that Israel had expressed no reservations on the possibility of American arms shipments to Egypt.

The committee is considering a bill to force hot air balloons to fly higher over Kansas. It did not act on the proposal Monday. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Tom Slattery would require the balloons to fly at an altitude of not less than 1,000 feet over the highest obstacle within 2,000 feet of the craft.

Balloonists, however, contend the federal aviation administration already has ample regulations.

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Envoy, Abdul Ghani view Saudi-Yemeni relations

SANAA, Feb. 27 (SPA) — North Yemeni Premier Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani Wednesday conferred with Saudi Arabian Ambassador Sheikh Tarrad Al-Harethi to discuss bilateral relations.

In a recent interview with *Al Thawra* newspaper, President Ali Abdullah Saleh said that reports of tension between the two countries were just rumors. He added that such malicious and misleading reports were part of an abortive propaganda campaign to rock Arab solidarity.

Saleh expressed admiration for Saudi Arabia's role and the part played by all other Arabs in helping and supporting North Yemen in different fields.

The Yemeni leader said Yemen's policy in diversifying its sources of armament had been adopted for the country's best interest to reinforce national independence and sovereignty.

Replying to a question on North Yemen's stance on the Soviet aggression in Afghanistan, he said his country's participation in the recent emergency meeting of Islamic foreign ministers in Islamabad, which condemned this aggression, would suffice as an answer.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani recently denied the "cheap allegations of differences between Saudi Arabia and North Yemen." He said that the



North Yemen

Kingdom was not putting pressure on the government of that country.

These reports are absolutely unfounded, Yamani said. Relations between the two countries are excellent, based on mutual respect and constructive cooperation in the interest of both states and Arab and Muslim peoples, he added.

He described a visit to Saudi Arabia by Abdul Ghani as successful, and said that there was a complete identity of views on the topics discussed.

Rushudi meets customs mission

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Director General of Customs Hamad Al Rushudi met Tuesday with the visiting Jordanian Director General of Customs Yassin Al Kayed and his accompanying delegation.

Discussion focused on cooperation between the two countries in spheres of customs and smuggling-control.

"The aim of the visit is to acquaint our-

lives with customs procedures and methods applied in the Kingdom and to arrange coordination between the two customs departments to facilitate the transport of goods and cars and to control smuggling," Al Kayed said.

He pointed out that a smuggling-control agreement exists between the two countries.

Abdul Mohsen sees advertising aides

MECCA, Feb. 27 (SPA) — The acting governor of Mecca, Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen, presided at a meeting attended by the deputy minister of pilgrimage and endowments, Abdullah Bouges, Saudi Arabian Television director in Jeddah, Hussain Najjar, and Sheikh Muhammad Said Tayeb, general director of Tihama Advertising

Agency. Prince Saud said that citizens and residents of the Western Region should be guided and asked to donate for the Afghan fighters. He is expected to speak on television and to the Saudi Press Agency Saturday on the ideal way to donate to Afghan's fighting the Communist invasion.

Rimah, near Riyadh, linked by telephone

RIMA, Feb. 27 — The community of Rimah, near Riyadh, received telephone service for the first time Wednesday. Muhammad Sadik Ibrahim, Saudi Telephone district manager for central region district said a 1,000-line exchange is being commissioned for the national and international network.

Rimah lies in Saudi Telephone's central region district, consisting of towns and villages in a vast area around Riyadh, from Al Ghatt to Khamasin. The zone code for the central region district is "50" and the telephone numbers in Rimah will all begin with the "522" prefix, followed by four digits.

People from the district calling to Rimah need only dial the number of the person being called. To call Rimah from outside region

however, the caller must dial the zone code — 05 plus the number. Subscribers in Rimah can call anywhere in the Kingdom by dialing the zone code and the local number of the person being called.

Subscribers in Rimah can also make calls on the international network, by dialing "92" and requesting the placement of the call through the international operator. In addition, subscribers can dial "95" to obtain assistance in finding telephone numbers within Riyadh, Qasim, Central District and Hail.

Special service codes are also available to Rimah subscribers. These are: 998 for ambulance, 998 for fire, and 999 for police.

Consolidating Islamic ranks Sekou Torre in Jeddah en route to Iraq

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 27 — Guinean President Ahmad Sekou Torre stopped here Wednesday on his way to an official visit with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in Baghdad.

He was received at the airport by Prince Saud bin Abdul Mubsen, acting governor of Mecca, Muhammad Safwat Al Sagga, assistant secretary general of the Muslim World League, Abdul Aziz Jokhdar, director of royal protocol, the acting commander of the Western Province and the Guinean ambassador to the Kingdom.

Before leaving Kouakri Wednesday, Sekou Torre met the Arab League delegation presently touring African countries. The delegation, headed by Rashed Abdullah, the UAE minister of state for foreign affairs, is acting on behalf of the League to explain the Arab viewpoint of the Middle East situation.

The Guinean president and Iraqi officials will discuss ways of reinforcing bilateral relations in economic and commercial fields, Islamic solidarity, Arab-African cooperation and the prevailing situation in light of Afghanistan events.

The Guinean ambassador to Saudi Arabia told *Arab News* and *Asahy Al Awwat* that the visit to Iraq was within the context of his country's concern for consolidating relations with the Arab states to streamline Islamic ranks and unify efforts confronting threats against the Arab and Islamic world.

The ambassador said that Guinea's severing of relations with Israel after the 1967 war was a sign of its conviction that Zionism poses an open challenge and is a hostile force against Islam. He said, "Guinea was the first African country to sever relations with Israel."

"I wish to reiterate that my country shall continue to remain faithful to its principles of pursuing a clear political line. No country has forced Guinea to take to this line," he added that President Sekou Torre will continue to maintain African-Arab relations through Guinea's role as a Muslim nation.

He stressed the need for Arab states to reinforce their ties with the African continent to insure that they do not take negative stances. He said his country, which has supported the foreign policies of Arab and Islamic states, would always strive for strengthening Arab ranks and Islamic solidarity.

The ambassador urged the Arab states to invest capitals in financing some of the joint ventures. "The Arabs are invited to invest their surplus capital in our country. We have all the raw materials Arab states need for setting up economic joint ventures," he said, adding that new rules and regulations for foreign investment insure security to these capitals which will not be subject to nationalization.

He said Israel intends to restore relations with some African countries, and "I am sure Israel will make an effort as a result of isolation it is presently suffering."

He called upon Arab states to strengthen ties with these countries in order to foil any initiative by the enemy toward the resumption of diplomatic relations with the African countries.

Guinea has a one-third of the world's bauxite reserve which is one of the most important raw materials needed in the steel industry.



STOPOVER: Guinean President Ahmad Sekou Torre being received by the Guinean Ambassador to Kingdom Thierno Nabika Diallo during his stopover in Jeddah on his way to Baghdad, Iraq.

Hybrid seed grain distributed

OASIM, Feb. 27 (SPA) — The Directorate of Agriculture and Water here is distributing hybrid seed grain at special prices. Wednesday, 100 tons of top quality grain were sold to farmers at SR0.5 per kilo.

Director Abdul Aziz Al Yahya said that the directorate and its 10 branches have

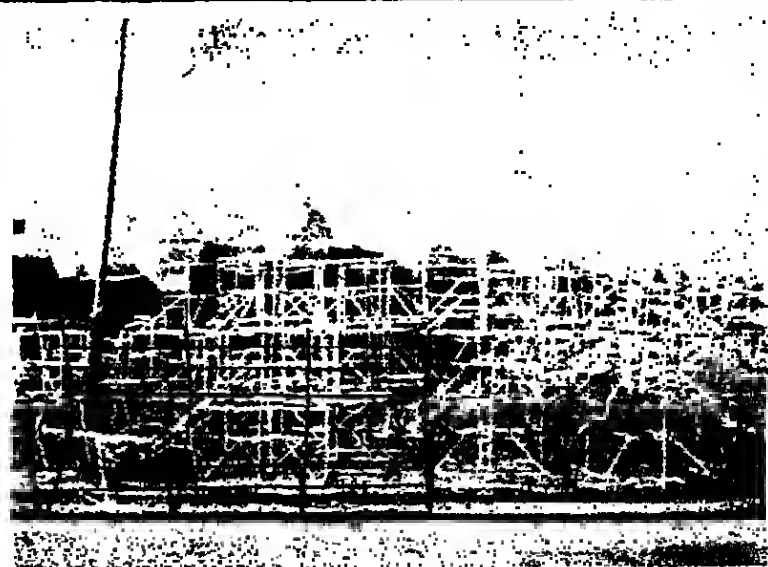
planted 100 pilot fields so far. He said that at present there were 9,320 farmers in the area.

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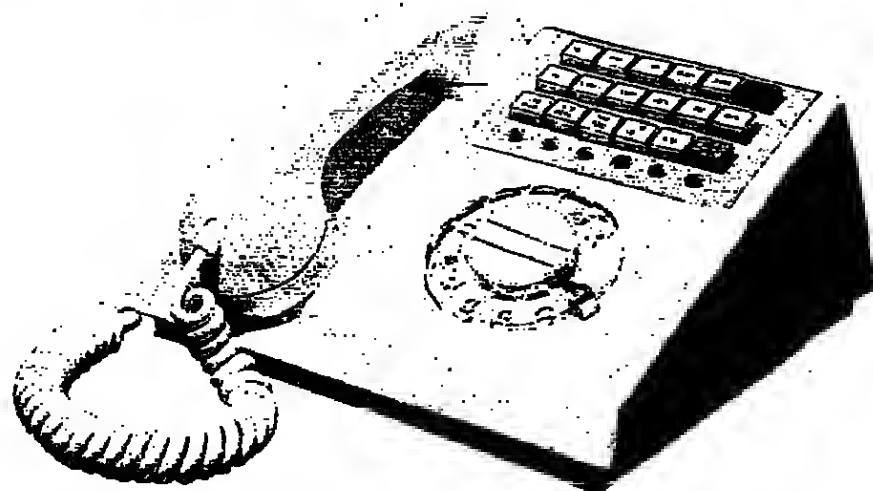
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In Riyadh Sattam opens Book Fair

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam Tuesday evening dedicated the third Riyadh International Book Fair which, he said, represented the Saudis' enthusiasm for culture.

Culture for Saudis, he said, means a combination of science and faith. He thanked Riyadh University of organizing the exhibition.

More than 300 local, Arab and world publishers are displaying 25,000 books on the shelves of the nine-day exhibition at the uni-

Prince to chair Tihama meeting

JEDDAH, Feb. 27 — Prince Saud bin Fahd bin Abdul Aziz will chair Thursday a meeting of the assembly of shareholders of Tihama Advertising, Public Relations and Marketing establishment.

The meeting will discuss the company's budget and balance sheet for fiscal year 1979. In the evening, the prince will give a dinner at Tihama headquarters in honor of the shareholders.

Kuwaiti ambassador visits Hafr el Batin

HAFR EL BATIN, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Sheikh Saud Muhammad Al Usaimi, Kuwait's ambassador to the Kingdom, arrived here Wednesday on his inspection tour of development and progress in the country.

versity's gymnasium off Al-Deeyah road. The opening ceremony was attended by Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani and other prominent personalities, as well as the Rector Dr. Mansour Al-Turki and other officials.

Instructions for teachers
In related developments, the Ministry of Education Wednesday distributed instructions to all educational zones and supervision offices on the reshuffling of Saudi and foreign secondary school teachers throughout Saudi Arabia.

The ministry, which allows such relocations to help teachers harmonize their working conditions with personal circumstances, requested that all the necessary information on teachers asking to be moved to other areas be forwarded by next month at the latest.

According to the new rules, applicants wishing to be transferred must cite three destinations. Teachers whose contracts are to be terminated are listed separately, with reasons for the termination verified there. Those teaching in subjects out of their specialty will be listed for replacement.

Foreign teachers accompanying female teachers and wishing to be transferred must first obtain approval for their companions from the Presidency of Girls' Education. In Saudi Arabia, women are not allowed to travel without a male companion — husband, brother or father.

Directors and assistant directors are transferred only if there is a vacant position in the area where they wish to be transferred.

Mansouri meets Korean minister

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Minister of Communications Sheikh Hissain Al Mansouri met Wednesday the South Korean minister of communications, Yang Soo Yoo, and discussed ways of promoting cooperation in communications.

Yoo arrived here Saturday on a day visit during which he has met the minister of planning, Sheikh Hisham Nazer, and the deputy chairman of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Company (SABIC), Abdul Aziz Alzamel.

His talks with Saudi Arabian officials involved establishing joint projects between South Korea and the Kingdom, participation of Korean firms in development projects, and bilateral relations.

Last week, another South Korean minister paid a visit to Saudi Arabia and held talks with officials here.

BRIEFS

BEIRUT, Feb. 27 (SPA) — The Saudi Ambassador to Lebanon Sheikh Ali Al Shaer met Wednesday with Walid Jumalat, the Lebanese head of the Socialist Progressive Party. Discussions focused on current developments in the Lebanese situation.

DAMMAM, Feb. 27 (SPA) — The governor of the Eastern Province, Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jalawi, will return home soon after a convalescing from a successful surgery at Cleveland Hospital in the United States. Prince Abdul Mohsen left for medical treatment last week.

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — U.S. Secretary of Energy Charles Duncan will arrive here Saturday for a three-day visit. He will discuss opportunities for cooperation in fields of energy with Saudi officials.

JEDDAH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — The president of the Islamic Development Bank, Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, left here Wednesday for Tripoli. During his visit to Libya, Ali will hold talks with the Libyan minister of treasury, Muhammad Zarouk Rajah, on IDB-Libyan relations.

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — The King Faisal Philanthropic Society has donated SR500,000 to the International Arab and Islamic School Organization. The donation which expresses the Society's desire to raise the Organization's capital, is in addition to the Society's annual contribution of 50,000 riyals.

JEDDAH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Procedures for Cleanliness Week in the Western Province, starting February 28, were discussed here Wednesday among education and municipal officials. More than 5,000 workers and students from 130 schools will take part in the campaign.

Arab League panel discusses Saudi communication proposal

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — The 14th session of the Arab League Permanent Committee on Communications discussed Wednesday a Saudi Arabian proposal to set up a federation for sea and land transport.

The deputy governor of Riyadh, Prince Sattam, Tuesday opened the 14th session of the committee at King Faisal Conference Hall. In modern times, communications are a basic factor in the civilization process, he emphasized.

The committee was established because countries are racing each other in the field of communications, he added. It coordinates

the activities of Arab countries in this area. The committee has federations in aviation, telecommunications and postal services and more cooperation and unity to achieve better standards is hoped for.

The current week-long session will discuss cooperation between Arab countries in communications apart from telecommunications. It will concentrate on shipping after an independent air transport federation has been formed.

The committee's recommendations and decisions will be submitted to the Economic Council and the Arab League Council.

Sewage contract for Qatif signed

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, Wednesday signed SR1.7 million contract with a consulting firm to make preliminary and final designs for sewage and drainage projects in Qatif.

Aba Al-Khail signed Tuesday another SR1.7 million contract with a company for preliminary and final designs for expanding sewage and drainage networks of Taif.

Dakar meeting okays Islamic trade rules

DAKAR, Feb. 27 (SPA) — The General Assembly of Islamic Chambers of Commerce and Industry endorsed the chamber's regulations at its meetings Wednesday. The meeting, opened Tuesday by Senegal's prime minister, Abou Diouf, is attended by delegates of twenty Islamic countries.

The general assembly discussed establishing an Islamic bank for development, an insurance and re-insurance company and agreed on special prices for trade between Islamic states to promote and coordinate land, sea and air transportation.

The Islamic Chamber of Commerce was formed by the Conference of Foreign Ministers of Islamic Countries held in 1977 and is designed to promote cooperation between Islamic states and organizations. It encourages establishment of joint projects, organizes general markets and helps with training youth.

Scientific links
with China viewed

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Dr. Rida Obeid, director of the National Center for Science and Technology received Wednesday the rector of the university of Taiwan, Dr. Yen Tchen Hseng. They discussed scientific cooperation between the center and the Taiwanese university.


The university is involved with a project raise fish in fresh water to be established by the center under the scientific and technical cooperation agreement between Saudi Arabia and Nationalist China.

Hseng and his delegation were invited here by Riyadh University. They met Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, rector of Riyadh University Tuesday.

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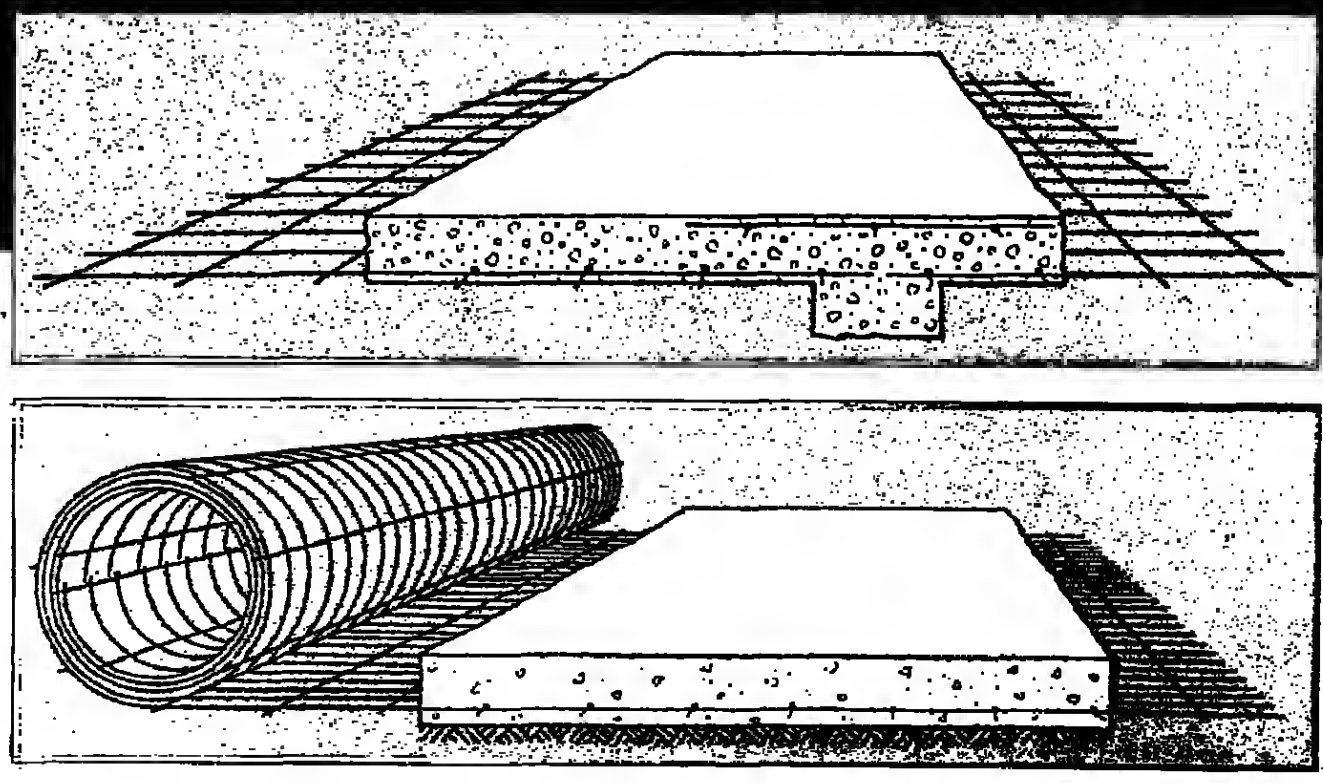
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'Aggression on freedom'

Egypt's 'Law of Shame' stirs uproar

CAIRO, Feb. 27 (AP) — At the urging of President Anwar Sadat, his political party is drafting a law that seeks to control public behavior and legislate personal belief in God.

The law, which has become a subject of deep controversy, is aimed at curbing opposition to Sadat's policies, which persists despite arduous laws and regulations generally aimed at critics of the left and right.

Among other things, the law would prohibit officials from holding a job or allow sequestration of personal funds. Violators would be brought before a special "court of shame". A maximum prison sentence of five years could be imposed.

Publication of the proposed law — known

as the "Law of Shame" — in the government-controlled press has brought outcries from lawyers, journalists and other intellectuals.

"It gives dictatorship a new form," said novelist Ihsan Abdel Kadous. A member of Sadat's National Democratic Party, who declined to be identified, maintained, "It blesses the creation of concentration camps."

Critics claim the law is sweepingly worded that it would give prosecutors wide latitude of interpretation, perhaps enlarging the scope of enforcement beyond its intended targets. Decisions by the court are not subject to appeal at least for one year.

The law is "an aggression on the freedom

of every Egyptian anywhere," said Montaz Nassar, an independent member of the People's Assembly, Egypt's national legislative body.

Sadat first suggested the law last year when he was being attacked by exiled Egyptian journalists and internal opponents for his peace policies with Israel.

"It is time that we tell these people that what you are doing is a shame, there should be a limit," he said in an address to the People's Assembly.

The draft says it would be a crime "to advocate any doctrine which implies a negation of divine teachings or which does not conform with the tenets thereof."

It also would prohibit "advocating opposition to, hatred of, or contempt for the state's political, social or economic system," forbid publishing or broadcasting of "false or misleading news which affects public opinion, generates envy and hatred." In adoption it would be forbidden to use "gross or scurrilous words, pictures or cartoons which offend public sensibilities or undermine the dignity of the state."

It would bring people to account for such offenses as endangering public property, squandering state funds, abusing power, influencing directly or indirectly the prices of essential commodities or accepting bribes.

In order for it to become a law, the draft must be endorsed by the cabinet, the supreme judiciary council and finally approved by the people's assembly.

Ahmad Shukairi buried in Jordan

AMMAN, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — Ahmad Shukairi, founder of the Palestine Liberation Organization, was buried in the Valley of Jordan Wednesday.

Shukairi, who died Tuesday at 72, was eulogized by King Hussein as "a man who spent his life to serve his homeland and the rest of the Arab nation."

The Jordanian authorities had tried to send Shukairi's body for burial at his

northern Israeli hometown of Acre, but the Israelis refused this, officials here said.

Shukairi's funeral was attended by high-ranking Jordanian and PLO officials.

Speaking in Beirut, PLO leader Yasser Arafat said in a statement that Shukairi was "one of the great heroes of the Arab nation."

Shukairi is survived by three sons and a daughter. The daughter now works at the Arab League headquarters in Tunis.

Palestinians deny S. Lebanon attack

SIDON, Lebanon, Feb. 27 (R) — Rightist militias in the southern strip bordering Israel Wednesday accused a group of Palestinians of infiltrating a village under their control and blowing up a house, killing a man.

The militias' "voice of hope radio" claimed the group carried out the operation at dawn after crossing an area in which Dutch troops serving with the U.N. peace force are deployed. It named the village as Beit Leef and alleged that three persons were also wounded when the

house collapsed. Palestinian sources denied they had anything to do with the reported attack, while a U.N. spokesman said he knew nothing about the incident.

The radio accused Dutch troops of facilitating the passage of the group and threatened to carry out "a speedy operation in revenge."

Meanwhile, official reports said that several shells Wednesday morning landed on an area near the southern port city of Tyre, but there were no casualties.

Riots reported in W. Bank village

TEL AVIV, Feb. 27 (AP) — Jewish saboteurs damaged about 30 Palestinian-owned cars in the occupied West Bank village of Halhoul during the night, a spokesman for Israel's military government said Wednesday.

The spokesman said troops broke up a demonstration by stone-throwing Palestinian youths who gathered in front of the Halhoul municipality to protest the incident, in which the attackers broke car windows and headlights and slashed the tires of several vehicles.

Three youths were detained after they threw stones at a passing tourist bus,

slightly injuring the driver, the spokesman said.

Residents of the Arab town south of Jerusalem told Israel radio they suspected settlers from the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba, near Hebron. The settlers and villagers have clashed repeatedly on the Jerusalem-Hebron road, which passes through Halhoul.

Yosi Weiner, secretary of the Kiryat Arba settlement, told the radio that "local bothsides" may have reacted to the stoning of Israeli vehicles on the road.

Police and military government authorities were investigating the incident.



Hedi Nouira

Nouira in Paris for treatment

PARIS, Feb. 27 (R) — Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Nouira arrived in Paris Tuesday night for urgent medical treatment after being taken ill in Tunis.

Informed sources in Tunis said Nouira was suffering from a circulatory ailment. No further details were immediately available.

The special plane transporting Nouira was met at Orly Airport by an ambulance which took him straight to a hospital in the French capital.

IMF aide in Ankara

France assures Turkey of aid

PARIS, Feb. 27 (R) — France Wednesday assured Turkey of financial aid to help bolster its battered economy, presidential spokesman Jean Marie Poirier said.

The weekly cabinet meeting heard a report by Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet on Turkey's efforts to overcome an economic crisis.

He stressed the importance which France attached to its relations with "an ally whose stability is essential to the balance of power in the area."

The minister said France would make its full contribution in international efforts to help Turkey, Poirier said.

Earlier this week, the 24-nation organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) agreed to pledge an unspecified amount of aid and debt rescheduling for Turkey.

Turkey is seeking eight to \$9 billion either in new financial aid or in a rescheduling of its debts over the next five years.

Meanwhile, a senior official of the International Monetary Fund arrived in Ankara Tuesday to discuss the stand-by agreement in

force with Turkey since June last year.

Charles Woodward, chief of the fund's Turkish desk, will survey economic progress before releasing a remaining credit of 80 million Special Drawing Rights (about \$ 100 million).

The agreement was initially for 250 SDR's (about \$ 320 million).

In Luxembourg meanwhile the European investment bank, long-term finance arm of the Common Market, Wednesday announced a \$ 108 million loan to Turkey to increase electricity consumption.

The loan is for 40 years at the low interest rate of 2.5 per cent under the community share of international efforts to help Turkey's ailing economy.

It will go toward a lignite mine and power station project at Elbistan in the south-east of the country, supplying Ankara and Kayseri.

Part of Turkey's economic difficulties stem from its oil import bill and the project will allow it to generate electricity from a local fuel source.

Lignite is an early stage in production of coal from vegetable matter.

In fiscal 1979

Kuwait's oil revenues rise by 28%

KUWAIT, Feb. 27 (AP) — Kuwait's revenues from oil and gas in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, amounted to about \$ 14 billion, 28 per cent higher than the previous year, the Kuwait Central Bank reported in its latest quarterly bulletin.

The bulletin also said Kuwait's revenues from the sales of crude oil and gas in the third quarter of 1979 reached \$ 5.8 billion, an increase of about 59 per cent over the previous quarter, due to oil price hikes and volume of sales.

If Kuwait maintains its current oil production of two million barrels a day, at the present price level of \$ 27.50 a barrel, the country's oil and gas revenues in the year ending on June 30 this year will be more than \$ 25 billion, an increase of about 80 per cent over the year before.

The price of Kuwaiti oil rose from \$

25.50 a barrel in 1979. It was raised to 27.50 on Feb. 1.

The substantial increase in Kuwait's oil revenues achieved over the past year has been cited by Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah as a key factor behind the government's plan to reduce production by 25 per cent starting April 1.

Sonoda visits Syria

DAMASCUS, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — Former Japanese Foreign Minister Susaono Sonoda arrived here Wednesday from Muscat on the fourth leg of a 25-day tour of the Middle East, the Gulf and Asia.

Sonoda, who earlier visited Iraq and the United Arab Emirates, was sent on the tour by Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira to take stock of the situation after the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

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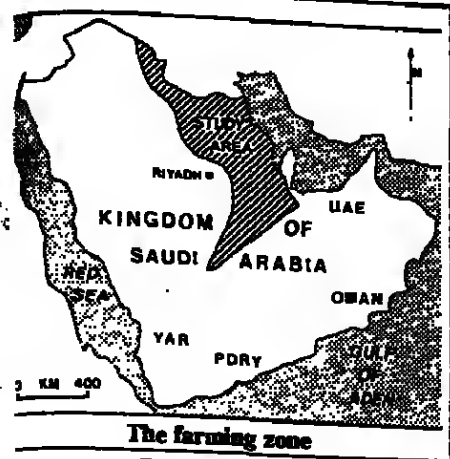
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Amber waves of grain



The farming zone

By a staff writer

HOFUF — Like its governor, Hofuf is a quiet, introverted town. On the road from Bahran, Abqaiq's gas-oil separator plants sit a glow over the night's baphazard traffic, close to the heart of the new kingdom, the town seems forgotten, its development curiously arrested. The red-brick viscera of half-finished apartment blocks are scattered as if broadcast seeding from the town center. The governor, Prince Muhammad bin Fahd in Jiluwi, the townspeople say, enjoys his oaks and his small stable.

One-acts by One-off

By Timothy Sisley

JEDDAH — Two one-act plays in the grounds of the British Embassy make, despite inevitable limitations, a delightful evening.

John Mortimer's *The Dock Brief* and Tom Stoppard's *The Real Inspector Hound* are being presented for the last night Thursday by an embassy group, calling itself the British Embassy One-off Productions.

Of the two, *Inspector Hound* is the better value, largely because it is the better play. *The Dock Brief* is too slowly paced to make one single good idea consistently witty.

It is about an ancient and incompetent barrister appointed to defend an unsuccessful criminal. So far so good, but even a one-act play is too long to support the conceit. Frank Jones is an appealing Fowle, the crook, Cliff Overton the barrister. Jones' direction made the most of the material.

Overton was impressive in *Inspector Hound*, tempering his performance to his own moderate direction. He shared the stardom with Sonia Leivers as Mrs. Drudge, the daily, and Yvonne Osborne as the open-mouthed, Lady Cynthia. Mrs. Osborne stole the show, partly on her costume but mainly on her professionalism: the part was played with a touch of wit far more agreeable than slapstick. Robin Lamb made an impressive debut.

Once a fortress city greater even than Riyadh, Hofuf was the last stronghold of the Turks in eastern Arabia, famous for its grisly dungeons. King Abdul Aziz, after regaining most of his birthright, yearned to remove the Turkish thorn from his southeastern flank. For ten years, he tried to secure a British guarantee against a Turkish counterattack from the sea, expounding to Sir Percy Cox and William Shakespeare on his manifest destiny. Finally, in 1914, he took the matter into his own hands. Repeating the successful tactics which secured him Riyadh, he stole into the city on a night in May with 100 loyal followers, scaling the tall walls with palm-frond ladders. He drove the Turkish governor into the mosque and, after a few judiciously phrased threats, removed the Turk from the Hasa after nearly fifty years of occupation. Five months later, England and Turkey were at war.

Today, there is a village outside Hofuf buried in sand. Nothing can be seen of Jughatnah but the tip of its mosque's minaret. In the past 15 years, fifty per cent of the arable land has been abandoned as leaching encrusts the soil with salt and the wind covers it in dunes.

Yet, all has not sunk into desuetude. The Chinese are in Hofuf. Indeed, they are everywhere: in the fields and offices of an experimental farm, in the corridors of the first of the Five Hospitals Project to open. Even the Saudi director of the hospital is Chinese — Mr. Ibrahim Al Seini, who left the mainland at eight months old. The drift from the Republic of China to Arabia threatens to deplete the universities and hospitals of the island as the Chinese help fill the Saudi gap.

Driving their Datsun trucks with an easy confidence through the wide, empty boulevards of Hofuf, the Chinese do not lead an easy life. Is it being constantly mistaken for a Korean or the thankless job of training farmers that is more wearying?

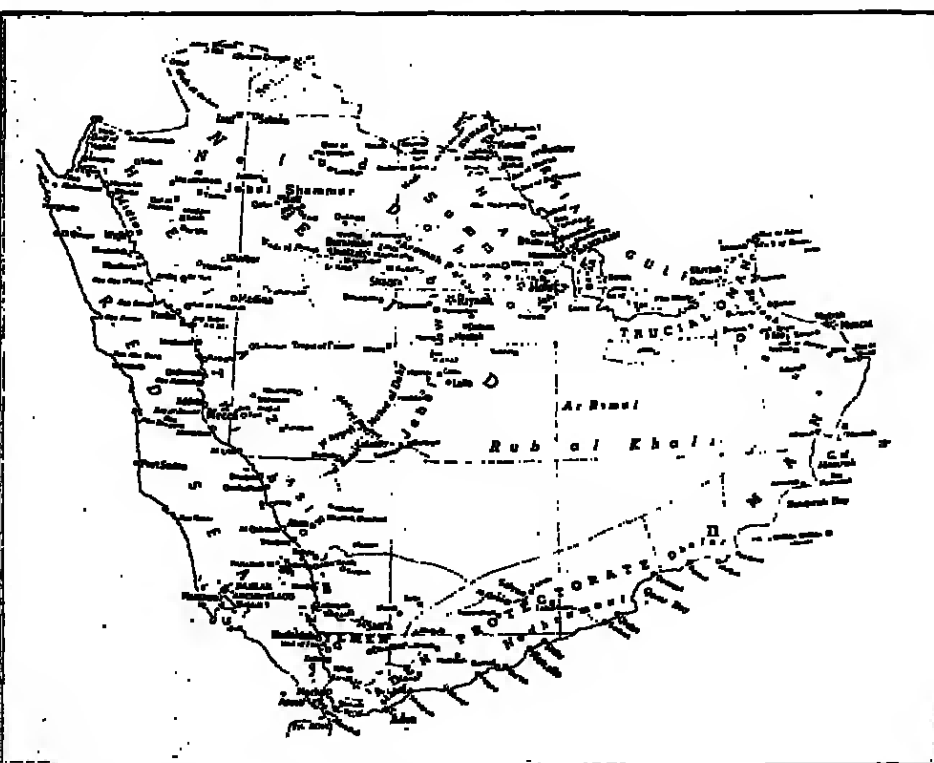
There are problems. Coltrabi is not to be eaten with the skin. Tomatoes grow in a sullen heap if not tied to poles. Garlic is to be pulled out by the bulb, not by roots. In May, there is a hot, dry wind. In February the temperature drops to 0 degrees Fahrenheit at night. The irrigation water registers a level of .15 per cent phm, (the sea, 3.5 per cent.) Crops planted in the open are protected only by brown, dried palm-frond walls while the fields under the tall date palms yield a much smaller harvest.

With an almost implausible optimism, the Chinese set to work. They no longer attempt seven-day training courses in soil stabilization. They go to the estimated 100 farms and teach the farmer to add clay to the sand to help the soil hold water. They have brought in two-wheel tractors, band-operated sprayers, plows which function simultaneously as discs. The government pays fifty per cent of the farmers' rent fees.

Farmers are a proud lot and the Hasawi are no different. Only after four months into the planting season, when the field of olive-colored rats planted by the Chinese under the palms had reached an undeniable luxuriance, did the loudly skeptical farmer next door plant his. From the Chinese field, the

farmers' plots extend deep into the thick palm groves, the height of the grain in direct proportion to its distance from that of the Chinese. The farmers thought it couldn't be done in the shade. Of course, it can't be done four months into the season but, no matter, they will be able to take from the Chinese crop, now knee-high and undulating in the dappled sunlight.

Though the fragile greenery of the experimental farm is surrounded by a white desert reminiscent of the cliffs and palms of Luxor, it has hidden strength. Because there is so little organic matter in the soil, insects find it a rather unpleasant place to live and there is almost no need to spray for pests. Hasawi alfalfa is sturdy plant, resistant to high and low temperatures and to salt. It can be harvested 11 times and yields a high quality forage. Garlic, invariably prone to virus, thrives



in the Hasa. Mr. Lin, the head of the experimental farm, says with pleased puzzlement, "Very curious. The garlic here is the best in the world."

Hasawi Number One, perhaps the most famous achievement of the farm, is a red rice larger than the variety originally sown in the area and less vulnerable than the lanky, white species preferred by most foreign farmers. The Chinese transformed a SR12 per kilo crop into a SR25, a plant that took 170 to 180 days to mature into one that can be harvested three times a season with a maturation rate of only 100 to 120 days for the first cutting. Harvested earlier than before, it leaves room for grain, amber waves of which, the Chinese say, have long been the dream of the Ministry of Agriculture.

The sunflower, which can also be used as a windbreak, grows to a respectable height

here and the Hasawi watermelon last year, grown under the translucent plastic sheets known as hot caps, graced the king's table, competing for the first time with the Mecca and Medina harvest.

The idea of an experimental farm was first mooted seven years ago, when the Hasa grew only dates and rice. Work began and continued for two years. It then ceased for two more until the present colony sprung up three years ago. They came to grow rice, the Chinese. In 1976, they were given a mandate for soybean, maize, sunflower, wheat and vegetables. There are now 33 men in two missions, Hofuf and Qasim, and there is talk of starting a third in the Asir.

Conditions vary at the three sites. In Hofuf, the Carolinas of Arabia, land holdings never extend beyond 0.5 to 1 hectare; a picturesque but impractical patchwork. In Qasim, the peninsula's Texas, farms are often as large as 10,000 hectares, such as that of Prince Faisal Sudeiri now managed by a former Panhandle rancher. To Hasa, the government contributes SR5 million a year, and Taipei,

expansion. No longer are water rights a casual baffle, for he who is further from the source no longer watches his land succumb to salt, though Mr. Lin frets over the wasted water drained from the soil and deposited in a placid lake. The more than fifty aquifers, 16 of which are over 100 meters deep, are town commons open to all. They are also the public baths.

Happy in their little farm, the Chinese feast off broccoli unknown here two years ago and now selling for SR40 a head, asparagus and cabbage. Fresh eggs "with double yolk if chicken is young one," as well as some forbidden fruits provided by "friends in Aramco." But beyond the borders of their plantation, life is a struggle.

Before the new hospital opened on December 1, there were only the 900 beds of the King Faisal Hospital of Hofuf, a psychiatric clinic famous for its isolation ward. Endemic to the Hasa is *cutaneous leishmaniasis*, a parasitic disease transmitted by the sandfly. The organism *leishmania*

orientalis burrows under the skin and multiplies causing suppurating sores. Before the 350 Taiwanese doctors and nurses came to Hofuf, the bedu treated themselves with bot irons.

A farewell banquet prepared. Mr. Peng of soil, Mr. Chow of water, Mr. Lee of asparagus, Mr. Deng of cabbage, Mr. Lin of tomatoes, Mr. Hua of garlic, Mr. Wang of maintenance went down the receiving line. Mr. Molhim entered the room, darkened by a power failure, and was greeted with a rousing ovation. He brought presents.

"Before my country had automobiles, we had donkeys, which had these bells for a horn." There was a second curtain call.

The mind wandered to the sandstone cliffs visited in the waning afternoon where a cleft in the soft range claws its way deeply into the rock face. Graffiti is everywhere: "Kilroy was here" in Urdu, Arabic, Korean, French, German, English and, of course, Chinese.

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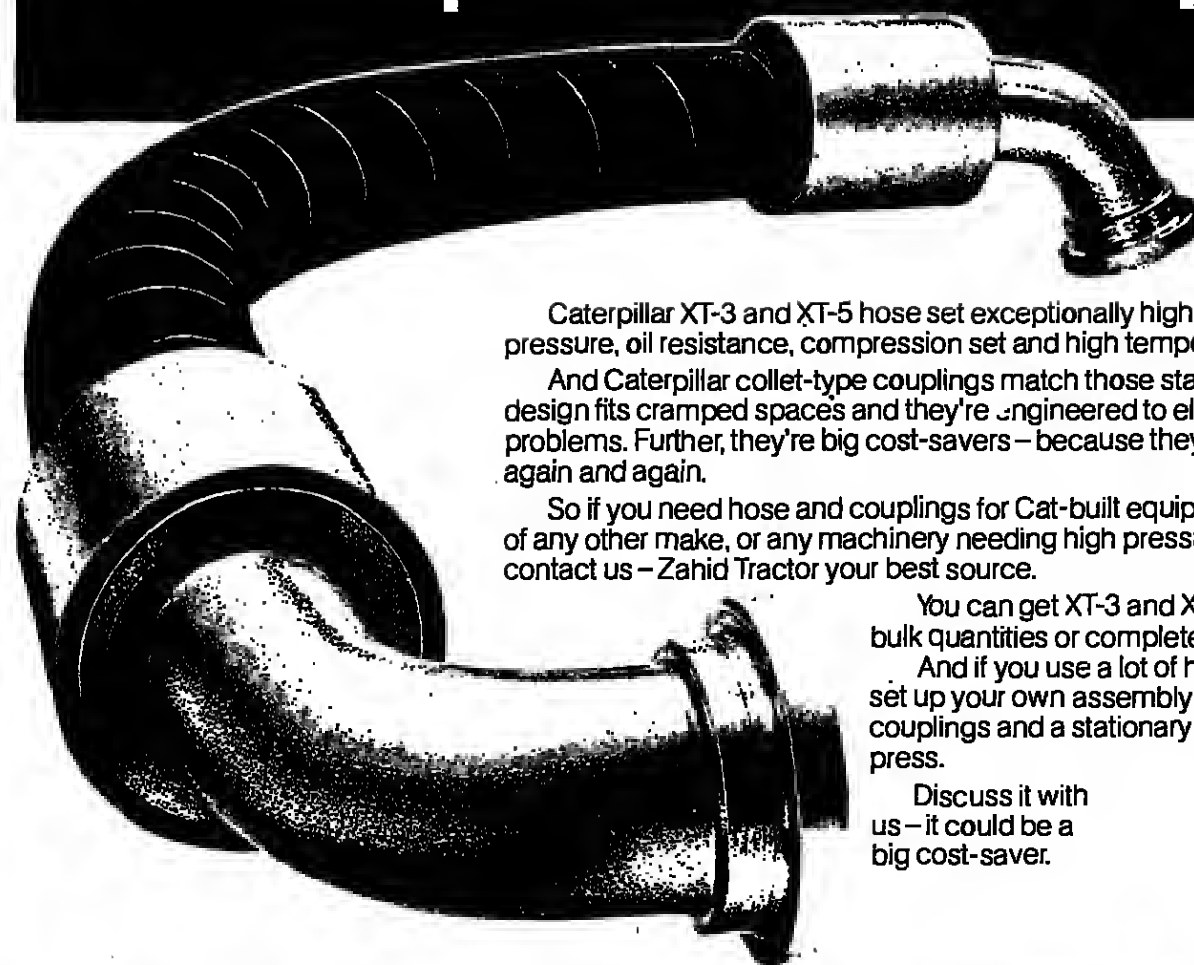
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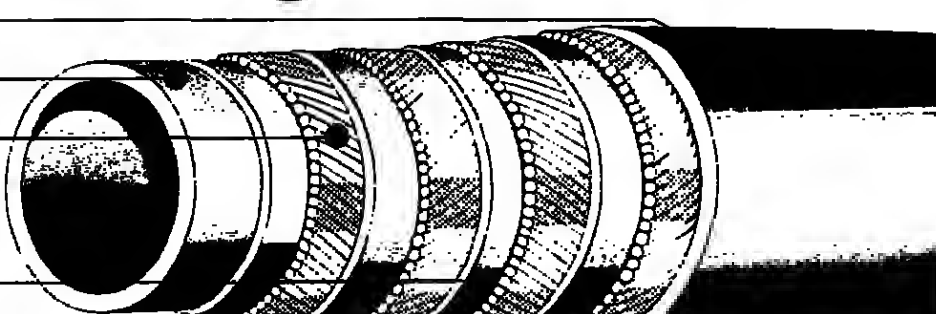
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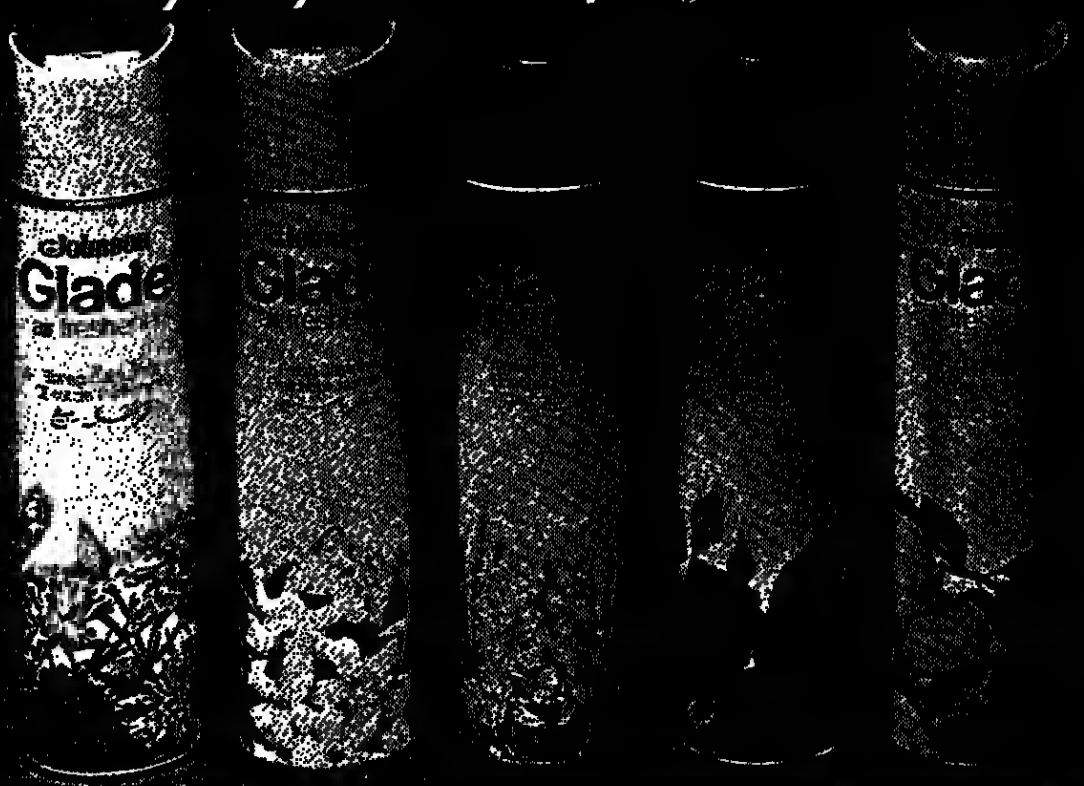


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Russia's disaster in Kabul

A new version of events in Afghanistan suggests that the Russian invasion went so badly wrong that one Soviet general committed suicide when recalled to Moscow to explain the debacle.

By A Special Correspondent

MOSCOW—Hafizullah Amin, the deposed Afghan president, was not executed but killed by accident, according to an account oozing from the rounds of informed Russian circles in Moscow.

The account differs sensationally from Western and official Soviet versions of December's events in Kabul. It suggests that the Afghan government had been asking for Soviet help long before the Russian intervention on Dec. 27. The first call came from the previous president, Nur Muhammad Taraki, whose agrarian and other reforms had met with violent opposition in both the country and the army.

A leadership struggle led first to the exile of Babrak Karmal, now president, and then to the arrest and execution of Taraki himself. The terror now attributed to Amin already existed under Taraki, and only Soviet advisers saved many revolutionary leaders from execution.

When Amin took over last year, his government found itself in control of only two or three provinces. He too asked the Soviet Union for military aid, and his request was backed by Soviet advisers, often victims of the rebels.

However, his request was refused in the summer and autumn for global political reasons. Moscow was hoping for SALT II ratification to ease budgetary problems; it was also hoping, despite discouraging signs, for normalization of Sino-Soviet diplomatic relations; and it was reluctant to do anything that would push NATO into a decision to deploy cruise missiles in Europe.

But by the beginning of December it became clear that none of these problems was going to be solved satisfactorily — SALT was prejudiced by the "Soviet troops in Cuba crisis"; China was opting for closer American ties; and most NATO members had opted for the new missiles.

At an enlarged Politburo meeting (i.e. with co-opted foreign policy specialists), the decision was taken to "aid" Afghanistan. Present at this meeting were the Minister of Defense, Marshal Dmitri Ustinov, and the head of the KGB, Yuri Andropov.

President Brezhnev was also present; but because of his illness he was already restricted to only two or three hours' work daily.

The principal basis for the Politburo decision was that action was necessary to improve the strategic position toward China — not against Pakistan or Iran. (The Afghan frontier is believed to lie close to Chinese missile sites.)

Moscow told Amin that his request had been granted; and on the morning of Dec. 27 the Soviet

ambassador in Kabul visited the presidential palace with the head of the Soviet aid program to discuss the details of intervention.

Because there were several rebel groups in Kabul it was decided that Amin should move to a palace on the outskirts that would be easier to guard. The fact that Amin took this advice is said to be evidence that he was not afraid of Soviet intervention.

Similar evidence is provided by the fact that the airborne troops which arrived that night met with full cooperation at Kabul Airport. Had Amin been afraid, he would have escaped and ordered opposition to the Soviet landing. The main government buildings were taken without opposition.

It is unlikely that Amin realized that the Soviet government intended after the intervention, however. On the 28th or 29th of December there was to be a meeting of the Central Committee of the Afghan Party. At that meeting there would be a vote of thanks to the Soviet Union for its aid, which would legitimize the intervention.

This was to be followed by elections, at which Karmal would be elected to the leading position and Amin would be demoted to number two or three. Amin was to remain a visible part of the government, to supply further legitimization under Babrak's firm control.

The plan went wrong... Amin had moved to the palace outside Kabul with a small group of aides. The palace was guarded by Afghan soldiers and Soviet military advisers, and a Soviet deputy minister of Internal Security Affairs, Lt.-Gen. Victor Paputin, who had been sent to Afghanistan, was made responsible for Amin's buildings.

One column went to Amin's palace and surrounded it. Then, for some reason, fighting broke out at the palace and Amin was killed. Although it is not clear how Amin died, the present account insists that there was no "revolutionary tribunal" and that he does not seem to have died at Soviet hands.

As a result of Amin's untimely death, the Soviet authorities were in an embarrassing situation. Their claim to have been invited by the Afghan government now seemed a fabrication. Karmal had not yet arrived in Afghanistan, and there was difficulty in getting him back quickly. The security failure which led to Amin's death was blamed on Paputin, who was recalled to Moscow.

According to the account now current here, Paputin got as far as Sharmayevaya Airport, where he committed suicide. Western reports that he was killed in Kabul are said to be quite wrong. Soviet papers reported his death but without saying when or where he died.

Babarak Karmal was moved from Czechoslovakia to East Germany, from there to Bulgaria, Moscow and only then to Kabul. On the way back to Kabul he broadcast an announcement that Amin had been tried and shot. — (OFNS)

Soames' impossible mission

By William Millmship,
Paul Elman and David Martin

SALISBURY — Lord Soames, the British governor of Rhodesia, is edging toward the independence of this country and the last great act of empire like a juggler tip-toeing across a minefield.

The explosions that rocked Salisbury recently, amid police warnings of a sustained wave of urban terrorism, were an ugly reminder of the obstacles that stand between him and the accomplishment of his near-impossible mission.

That mission is to conduct elections, universally accepted as free and fair for the 80 black seats in parliament and next month hand over sovereignty to a government whose legitimacy is unquestioned.

In practice, the governor and his staff are far less ambitious. They believe they will have done well if all the nine political parties take part in elections regarded as reasonably free and fair: if the whites neither stage a coup nor flee in panic; and if full-scale war is not resumed.

"What we want," they say, "is to be able to get out and say the war has de-escalated."

Soames has a staff of about 100 placed atop the Rhodesian administrative structure like a mouse astride an elephant. He has no independent troops to enforce the ceasefire or punish offenders.

Yet, although his power is largely illusory, some astonishing changes have been made since he arrived in December. The ceasefire was implemented far more easily than he felt he had the right to expect.

The killing has not stopped, but the death toll is down to between a quarter and a third of what it was before the ceasefire. Even the Salisbury Herald, for so long the voice of white Rhodesia, oozes with columns full of black political argument, and carries full-page advertisements (at \$1,500 a time) bearing the portraits of guerrilla leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, whose names until recently it did not dare to mention.

Nkomo, regarded by whites as a monster after his men shot down an Air Rhodesia Viscount in 1978, has been virtually endorsed by Ian Smith and an Nkomo government is now seen by many whites as the best they can hope for.

Mugabe has generally failed in his attempts to reassure them, and he is obviously disliked by the governor and his staff. But while Nkomo has to brush aside kisses of death from both Smith and the British, Mugabe could well be gaining politically from the cooed-at of white Rhodesians and his constant clashes with the governor.

Britain's difficulty is that it has found Mugabe's ZANLA guerrillas guilty of most of the breaches of the ceasefire and of the intimidation that has closed much of the eastern part of the country to politi-

cians from other parties.

The British claim to have 500 pages of evidence that some of the ZANLA forces were ordered not to report to the ceasefire assembly camps. Mugabe sources say about 500 ZANLA men are still outside. British estimates range from 2,000 to 4,500.

Mugabe blames Soames himself for serious breaches of the Lancaster House agreement. The ceasefire arrangements certainly look unbalanced.

The guerrilla side has at least the bulk of its forces in camps supervised by the Commonwealth force, while the Rhodesian security forces are fully deployed and apparently free to take military action as they see fit. They do so nominally on orders from Lord Soames, who is allowed under the Lancaster House agreement to use any of those forces who recognize his authority.

(He could, if he chose, send guerrilla units into action against their own or other dissidents. While Nkomo himself studiously avoids any bellicose suggestions in public, some of his aides readily argue in private for the use of Nkomo's ZIPRA forces to "clean out" ZANLA troublemakers.)

Soames is understandably reluctant to run the obvious military and political risks of ordering guerrilla units into action, but his decision to rely essentially on the Rhodesian forces commanded by Gen. Peter Walls also carries severe penalties. The most serious is that he appears too often to be accepting responsibility for decisions made by Walls.

It is not clear who took the decision to call up reservists during the election campaign and to put over 60,000 men under Walls' command. This will make it more difficult for "unlawful" guerrilla units to move around, but it can hardly affect the level of political intimidation, which does not depend on the movement of large units.

For Soames, the political advantage of the call-up is that it will reassure the white Rhodesians and their black allies in the previous government. The disadvantage is that there would be more men under arms in the event of a post-election military coup. There is a real danger of this if Mugabe appears to be heading for outright victory.

Among Soames' most difficult decisions will be timing the withdrawal of the 1,200-strong Commonwealth monitoring force, a pattern of red dots representing small groups of men in remote, indefensible positions. Unless he can get firm assurances of their safety, he may pull them out before the election results are announced on March 4.

This is just one of the problems Soames is juggling with, watched by the world's press (455 journalists already here and hundreds more on the way) and a host of eminent observers, from the 11-nation official Commonwealth observers group to a two-man team representing Swedish trade unions. (OFNS).

CARTER'S OLD HABIT

President Carter seems to be returning to his old habit, of issuing a view only to contradict it soon after. Many will remember his early days in office, when he became the first American president to declare support for the national rights of the Palestinian people, as well as the first to be willing to talk to the PLO, if only on certain conditions.

But no sooner these declarations were made, than he began to backslide. He finally reached a point Monday, speaking to a Jewish-American organization, in which he declared his opposition to any notion of a Palestinian state, as well as his rejection of any form of negotiations with the PLO.

Carter's timing is truly strange. His rejections come at a time when everyone supposed that the lessons of Afghanistan and Iran would lead the United States to a more equitable stand on the question of Palestine. They also come at a time when it became known that the Americans were behind the new British proposals for a new peace initiative in the Middle East, one which includes a drastic revision of U.N. Resolution 242 so that it becomes acceptable to the PLO.

It has also become known that the U.S. government has addressed a strongly worded warning to Israel, declaring that it will not tolerate its continuing intransigence, with all the dangers this carries for America's interests in the Middle East.

TIP OF THE ICEBERG

Who, in Egypt, stands by the exchange of ambassadors with Israel? There is Sadat, of course, with his effusions about "lighting candles of understanding and compassion." But not many others. For the two senior "free officers," Kamal al Din Hussein and Abdul Latif al Baghdadi, together with ex-premier Dr. Aziz Sidqi, eight ex-ministers, six ex-deputies, twelve leading jurists, six leading members of the civil service and three leading journalists have all put their oases on a declaration opposing the deal with the Israelis.

These, however, are only the tip of the iceberg. All of Egypt's political groupings — the New Wafd, the Socialists, the Muslim Brothers, the Communists, the Trade Unions, the Student Unions, the professional associations of lawyers, doctors and engineers (and so on) — all of them are resolutely opposed.

One report from Cairo illustrates the feelings there about the arrival of the Israeli ambassador. At the same moment that Sadat was extending his fulsome welcome to the unwanted guest, 200 Egyptian lawyers were burning the Israeli flag in their union building, and hoisting up the Palestinian one. As the Palestinian flag unfurled, the audience were in tears. Anti-Sadat, anti-Israel, and anti-American slogans were raised.

saudi press review

A majority of newspapers Wednesday led with the exchange of ambassadors to Egypt and Israel Tuesday, amid demonstrations in Cairo and the burning of the Israeli flag by Egyptian journalists. In a lead story *Okaz* reported Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta as saying his country would support Tunisia against any Libyan aggression.

Newspapers frontpaged the convening of the Arab Foreign Ministers' Conference in Tunis Wednesday to discuss the present situation in the Arab world. *Al-Jazirah* frontpaged a general press strike in Beirut to protest the kidnapping of Salim Al-Lawzi, editor of *Al-Hawadeth* magazine of London. *Okaz* gave a front-page highlight to the deteriorating situation in Afghanistan, while *Al-Riyadh* said in a front-page story that the Egyptian President has blamed Israeli Premier Begin for the reduction of American arms to Egypt.

Most newspapers devoted their editorials to denouncing the exchange of ambassadors between Egypt and Israel, describing it as a "black day" in the history of Arab struggle for the cause of Palestine since the creation of Israel in 1948. They said that escalating opposition in Egypt to the normalization of relations between Egypt and Israel provided a clear testimony to the fact that the Egyptians were not convinced of normalization. The papers called upon Arabs to learn a lesson from the Egyptian regime's initiative for a separate peace treaty and urged them to achieve solidarity to serve Arab and Islamic causes.

Al-Jazirah said that the Egyptian government's action does not represent the wishes of the Arab people who have always refused to capitulate to political and military pressures. The paper added that the Arabs would find solace in the grand expression of world public opinion in favor of a peaceful settlement to the Middle East con-

flict. The resolutions of the Baghdad and Tunis summit conferences will continue to inspire joint Arab action, it said, adding that the Arabs will continue to struggle for the restoration of the legitimate rights of the people of Palestine.

On the same subject, *Al-Medina* said the exchange of ambassadors has reaffirmed the significance of the resolutions of the Baghdad and Tunis summits. It called upon Arabs to learn from this experience and be sincere in their pursuit of solidarity and services to the Arab and Islamic causes. The paper also urged them to foil any alien conspiracy against the Middle East issue and Palestinian rights. In the face of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the Zionist concerted onslaught on Egypt in the future, it becomes a matter of extreme urgency to achieve solidarity.

Okaz said in an editorial that real peace in the Middle East cannot begin with an exchange of

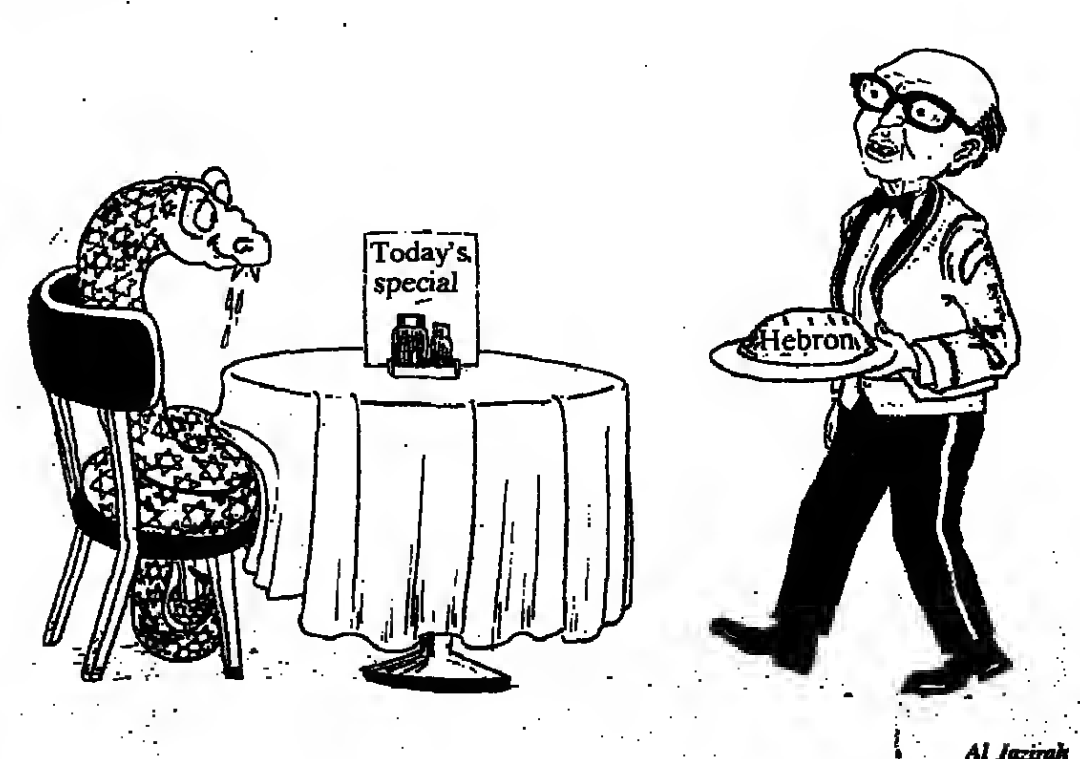
ambassadors with Israel, because the root of dispute continues to remain strong and threaten the entire region. A comprehensive peace, it added, can be established only when suitable solutions are found to the crux of the problem the Palestine case. The paper said the west bank strike was symbolic of Arab wrath after Israel's success in its aspirations. Furthermore, the Egyptian people's opposition to the normalization of relations with Israel provides testimony to public discontent with this step which has been taken at a time when Israel is continuing in its expansionist plans and in its irrational behavior toward Arabs of the occupied territories.

Al-Bilad also dwelled on the exchange of ambassadors, saying it was an open challenge to Arab and Muslim sentiments and a serious precedent to Zionist success in its attempts to Judaize Jerusalem. This is a tangible step toward leading the Egyptian regime into a Zionist trap, the paper said and

added that the normalization of relations between Egypt and Israel is in utter disregard of the legitimate rights and aims of the people of Palestine. It urged the international community to oppose the Zionist plot which, it said, only aims at grabbing all the holy shrines in Jerusalem and Hebron.

Al-Nadwa cautioned Arabs against the possible advance of the Zionist "octopus" after the exchange of ambassadors between Egypt and Israel. The paper called upon them to foil the two countries' negotiations on so-called autonomy for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank of the Jordan and Gaza.

The sentiments that the Arab people expressed over the exchange of ambassadors and the normalization of relations between Egypt and Israel would not suffice to restore the rights of the Palestinian people, said the paper. The Arabs must give up slogans and statements and take tangible steps to contain Zionism.



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Community News

By Staff Writers

JEDDAH — Mrs. Habib Chatty, the wife of the secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, who has recently arrived here, held a tea to meet the wives of OIC officials. The group of ladies from Africa, Asia and the Arab world, had a chance to get acquainted and exchange views. Mrs. Chatty, of Tunisia, speaks French and English as well as Arabic.

Musical Evening
With his wife famous pianist Mme. Caroline Haffer, Mr. Coenrad van Noyen, might have expected that his birthday party last Thursday would be an evening of music. There was piano, guitar and jazz and Ms. Kerry Gatto, of Australia, sang.

Jewels
Visiting the Kingdom are Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Lopez of Gemas de Oriente of Madrid. They bring a wide range of jewelry and precious stones which has already been on display at the Al Gosaibi Hotel in Khobar last month.

Arabic lessons
The Al Khairiyah Women's Welfare Society on Mecca Road Kilo 3 begins audio-visual courses in Arabic on March 1. At the end of the fourteen-week course, one should be able to manage fairly well in conversation. Classes are both in the morning and the evening. Call Helena Duncan at 75571, 75572.

Toyota
One of the world's largest Toyota show rooms is to be opened shortly. Already in operation under manager D.N. Norton is a training program for mechanics and super-

visors. The object of the new center is to provide better facilities for the thousands of Toyotas on the road and to attract Saudis to the business of car-selling and repair.

Farewell
Jeddah and Riyadh bade farewell to James Buchan, of Saudi Business, who left last week for London where he will be joining The Financial Times. Mr. Buchan was in the Kingdom for over two years.

DHAHRAN — A hundred members of the French community in the Eastern Province enjoyed a concert of classical music at the Saudi-French bank compound. The Center Audiovisual Français sponsored the Quatuor Parrot which played Bach and Vivaldi. After its three-day stay in Khobar and Dammam, the musical group left for Riyadh where they will play at the International Hotel; from there they plan to go to Jeddah, Seoul and Taipei. The group consists of the brothers William and Reynald Parrot, Jocelyne Duviez, and Louis Alely.

Photographer
One of the more interesting recent visitors to Dhahran is the world-famous photographer Robert Azzi, whose books Arabian Portfolio and Saudi Arabian Portfolio are superb. Azzi has been autographing copies of the latter which sells at SR200 and was printed in Switzerland.

Yard of the Month
The Aramco Dhahran Garden Group's "Yard of the Month" award was won by Barhara and Jim Michaelson. The garden consists mainly of cacti, and has the unusual feature of a Swedish sundial.

Goings on about town

Jeddah
Thursday, Feb. 28

The British Embassy One-off Productions in its last night of two one-act plays, John Mortimer's The Dock Brief and Tom Stoppard's The Real Inspector, at the British Embassy Stage at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 1

Belgian ladies are invited to a tea at 5:00 p.m. at the ambassador's residence. Mrs. Sultana Al Quaiti is to give a talk on the Pilgrimage.

Sunday, March 2

Pakistani ladies are reminded that their association is holding a meeting at the house of Brig. Ashraf, Villa Mrs. Anwar Ali on Khaled bin Walid Street at 10:30 a.m.

Riyadh

Saturday, March 1 through March 14

The second annual men's singles tennis tournament will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel, sponsored by Lufthansa. Call 4655000 for details.

Saturday, March 1

Physical Fitness for the Businessman, a

course given by Howard Hammouds, BSED, for SR400, begins at the Intercontinental. Call 4655000.

Wednesday, March 5

Interconcert, presented by the Intercontinental, with Andre Bernard on the trumpet and Mme. Caroline Haffer at the piano, begins at 8:30 p.m. Entrance is SR30 and tickets are on sale at the hotel.

Dhahran

Thursday, Feb. 28

The last day of the Pakistan Food Festival at the Al Gosaibi Hotel, Khobar.

Friday, Feb. 29

The finals of the Youth Welfare tennis tournament to decide the Eastern Province champion who will enter the national meet, at the tennis courts of the University of Petroleum and Minerals from mid-morning until the end of play.

Tuesday, March 4

An exhibition of Oriental carpets at the Al Gosaibi Hotel, Khobar, sponsored by the Abdullah Foad Corp. with a lecture on carpets daily at 11:30 a.m. The show is open from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.

A visiting champion

By Muahir Muhammad

JEDDAH — The empty row of flag-poles were waving in the wind and steel wires on which flags are raised were hitting against the poles making a noise, as if clapping for the three-time champion.

A black and three grey colored, Toyota '80 Royal Saloon Crown roared up. In the first sat the 'greatest' in royalty. Few fans who got the leak of news of the visit to Jeddah's youth welfare stadium and the games halls oearly completed oow were waiting there hringing their children. Ali was received by a number of officials led by Abdullah Kaki, Jeddah stadium manager. He was accompanied by Sheikh Idris Abdul Latif Jameel.

Ali was very quiet, looking straight forward holding his nose high. It was in the way to the games hall, about a mile turning around the wall of the sports town, that Muhammad Ali broke into a jog. Everyone was running to keep pace with the athlete. People who wore thobes held them up to be able to run.

He began to spar with all the people around him. Workers in the games halls crowded around him and every hundred meters Ali would start a mock-fight with one of them. A reporter asked him why he retired, "Too old", he said. The reporter said, "I am 26, but I can not box like you" trying to offer sympathy, but Ali confronted him with a bite of his lower lip and opening his eyes wide pretending anger. The reporter fled for safety after a punch on the arm.

The tour took us to the covered handball, and valley ball playing ground with its beautiful stands. Ali and his group went through the housing, kitchens and the billiard room.

There is a small but beautiful theater with side, ground and balcony seats. "When will all this be over? I am very tired", Ali shouted suddenly. None of the officials has noticed the sooner-we-get-out-of-here-the-better look and actions of Ali. They were eager to show him the place. It was then decided that they serve refreshments.

Out of the halls, every one realized that was their last opportunity of getting historic shots with the legendary champion. Almost everybody was taking pictures, fighting shaking hands with Ali.

When we were to leave, I had asked him why he was turned away in Nigeria. He looked at me hard and said, "are you from Nigeria?" I shook my head. "He is a Muslim."



Ali spars with some admirers

and he (the Nigerian President) said he was busy and could not meet me."

Ali had visited Nigeria during his tour of some African countries last month, to persuade them boycott the summer Olympic games in Moscow. He said the tour was successful, but he was reluctant to say how many of the countries he visited agreed to President Carter's call for the boycott.

"Kenya is great. Kenya is out and that is a big plus for us," he said.

The difference he witnessed in Saudi Arabia between his last visit eight years ago and now was "... more buildings ... more technology ... more cars ... beautiful stadiums ... and more stop lights". He was aware of Jeddah traffic jams, in spite of his police car that cleared the road.

About race relations he said that it was better now in the United States. There are many black mayors, "but, in any country it is whites who are up and the blacks at the bottom. It is blacks who get bad housing, job and social positions," Ali said.

"I don't know much about your country (Saudi Arabia)," he told a journalist, who hastened to deny that there was any discrimination in the Kingdom. Islam treats everyone equally, and that can be clearly seen in the Saudi Arabian people. "I will have to stay a while and see for myself," Ali said.



Ali runs from the stadium to the game halls. To the left is Abdullah Kaki, the stadium manager.

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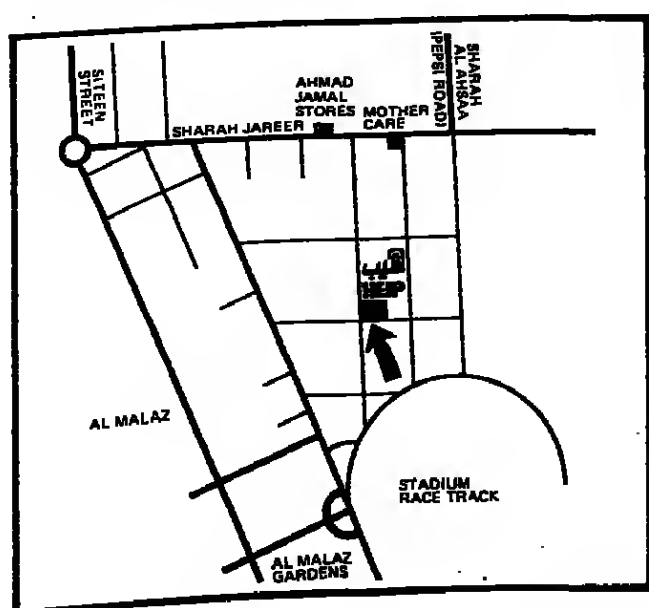
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While landing in Manila

China Air Lines jet burns; 30 die

MANILA, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — A China Air Lines 707 carrying 133 passengers burst into flames Wednesday after one of its engines fell off during a landing at Manila Airport.

At least 30 persons were killed and about 100 survived, officials said.

China Air Lines traffic manager, Jimmy Yang, said at least 20 persons were hospitalized with severe burns.

Firefighters brought the flames under control about 1 1/2 hours after the crash, which occurred as the plane touched down on a flight from Taipei, Republic of China.

"It started to land very steeply, very fast," said a British survivor. "Just after crossing a road, it straightened up a bit. When we landed it was with such a big bump that oxygen masks fell and parts of the cabin fell on us."

Mr. and Mrs. Berno Jatzewski of Frankfurt were among 55 persons unharmed.

CAL officials in Manila said the plane carried 124 passengers and nine crew members, but the airline's headquarters in Taipei said there were 11 crew members. They said the passenger list included five Americans and 16 Japanese.

The government's television station said there were bodies trapped inside the burned bulk of the jetliner.

But Mrs. Jatzewski said she talked with a badly burned stewardess about 10 minutes after the crash, "and she said she was the last one to get out of the plane."

Armando Trinidad, a member of the CAL ground crew, said he saw an engine fall off the aircraft just as it was landing.

He said there was an immediate fire, followed by an explosion.

"It looked like the pilot hit the ground too hard," said another survivor, Thor Kobbenes, 39, of Norway.

"The plane somehow came to a stop, and the fire also seemed to have eased, and the people calmed down. But suddenly there was an explosion, and we ran out in panic," he said.

The plane crashed at the same airport runway scheduled to be used four hours later by a plane carrying Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Kway Yew, coming for an official visit.

Mrs. Jatzewski said the first hint of trouble came when a passenger shouted he had seen fire on the plane.

"We saw the plane was burning," he said, "but the crew were very good and they told everyone to be calm. They opened an exit, and everybody went down the chutes."

Peter Yu, China Air Lines manager in Manila, said most of the passengers were tourists from Taiwan. Most of the remaining survivors appeared to be Chinese.

One CAL ground-crew member said it was the second incident involving a CAL plane to take place in the Manila Airport in three months.

He said another Boeing 707 lost the blades in its engines as it prepared to take off sometime in December, but the takeoff was suspended without any consequences.

Japan Communists break with Socialists

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (AP) — An alliance between Japan's Socialist and Communist parties has broken up after Japan Communist party chairman Kenji Miyamoto charged that Japan's Socialist party had "turned to the right" and pledged that in the future the Communists would "go it alone."

Miyamoto's attack on the Socialists came in a keynote speech to the party's 15th national convention Tuesday. It put an end to the 20-year-old idea of a "progressive front" between the Socialists, Japan's major opposition party, and the Communists, to drive the entrenched Liberal Democratic party from power.

Miyamoto said the Socialists had betrayed his party by a recent policy agreement with the Komeito "clean government" party, a centrist group with Buddhist underpinnings.

Addressing 1,000 party members and representatives of 30 foreign Communist parties, the Communist leader said that with the Socialists' defection, "the JCP has come to bear the responsibility for carrying the flag of the progressive camp."



Andrei Sakharov

U.S. scientists cut Soviet ties over Sakharov

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP) — Many top American scientists said they will suspend scientific exchanges with the Soviet Union until dissident Andrei Sakharov is released from internal exile.

The Federation of American Scientists, in releasing the first results of a poll of prominent scientists, said more than 75 per cent of those responding say they will forego all official exchanges with the Soviet government until Sakharov is freed.

Dr. Frank Von Hippel of Princeton University, federation chairman, told a news briefing Tuesday that early returns on the pledge were being released in an effort to prevent Sakharov from being expelled from the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

"The Soviet Academy has never expelled anyone before," Von Hippel said. "If Sakharov is expelled, we fear that it will signal a return to the policies of Stalin that no dissent will be tolerated."

Sakharov, a noted nuclear physicist and winner of the 1975 Nobel peace prize, has been a leader of Soviet dissent. On Jan. 22, he was stripped of most of his state honors and banished, with his wife, from Moscow. He is restricted to Gorki, a city about 250 miles from Moscow that is closed to foreigners.

When the Soviet Academy begins its annual meeting March 4, it is feared that the 250 full members will be pressured into expelling the dissident in another attempt to erode his influence.

14 Harijans killed in attack

NEW DELHI, Feb. 27 (R) — Armed men set ablaze a village and killed 14 Harijans (Untouchables) in a caste war in India's north-eastern Bihar state, officials have said.

Six women and five children were among the dead and an eyewitness said all that was left of Pipra village near Patna after the six-hour carnage was a heap of debris.

The press trust of India (PTI) news agency said Tuesday about 500 armed men raided

the village of 27 families Monday night, setting houses on fire and gunning down Harijans trying to escape the flames.

It was the second time in three weeks that a Harijan village was raided by upper-caste Hindus in Bihar state. Twelve Harijans, the down-trodden of Hindu society, were killed at Parasbigha village earlier this month.

Premier Indira Gandhi Tuesday night ordered relief measures and action against the attackers.

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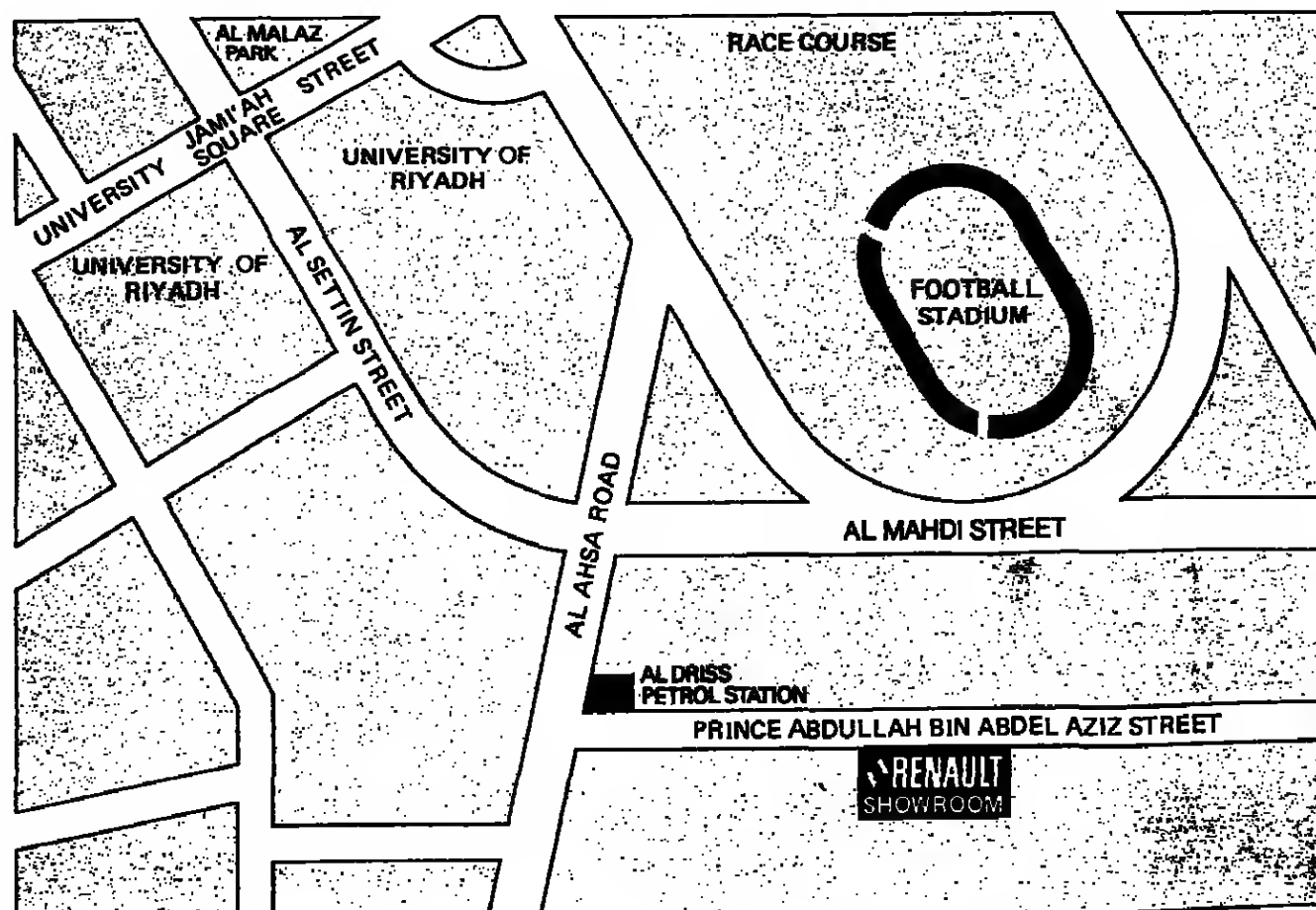
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Salvador left unveils plan for Marxist rule

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Feb. 27 (AP) — Leftist organizations fighting for power in this troubled Central American country have announced a program for a revolutionary government after another day of violence in which at least 22 people were killed.

The four political groupings, whose guerrillas are engaged in virtual civil war with security forces and right-wing extremists, issued a joint political plan calling for an independent Marxist state.

The two groups leading the self-styled revolutionary coordinating committee, the Popular Revolutionary Army and the Popular League of Feb. 28 also said their leaders had disappeared — apparently abducted by their opponents.

They announced at a press conference at the University of Salvador. The plan they announced included the division of the armed forces, extensive nationalizations sharply reduced ties with the United States and the establishment of a "revolutionary democratic government."

The leftist groups denounced the disappearance of their respective leaders. They said Juan Chacon, secretary general of the

Popular Revolutionary Army, and Carlos Gutierrez, an organizer of the Feb. 28 Popular Leagues, have been missing since Monday evening.

One radio report said armed officers stopped Chacon's car Monday and took him, his baby daughter, his wife and a woman friend into custody.

Police said they had not arrested Chacon, and national guardsmen were unavailable for comment.

Chacon and Gutierrez were scheduled to announce Tuesday a plan by the united left to install a new government.

Meanwhile, members of the People's Revolutionary Army ambushed an army patrol in Sonsonate, 64 kms northwest of here, the armed forces said.

Fifteen guerrillas and one soldier were killed in a several-hour-long gun battle that ensued, the sources said.

The army said several guerrillas opened fire on the patrol, but the soldiers were able to get out of their vehicle and fire back.

The bodies of four young men, believed to be murdered by rightists, were found in a ditch here Tuesday, officials said.

Was explorer CIA victim?

LONDON, Feb. 27 (AP) — A British mountain climber and explorer who disappeared without trace in the Himalayas 27 years ago might have been killed after

stumbling across a camp of CIA-trained guerrillas, a British author has claimed.

Harry Hilton, a member of the same expedition writing in *International Mountain Year 1980*, published this week, said he originally accepted the official view that mountaineer Bert Maddock drowned while trying to cross a flood-swollen river, but had since come to question the Foreign Office version of the incident.

He said Maddock disappeared near the Tibetan-Chinese border, where he claims the CIA is known to have been active at that time.

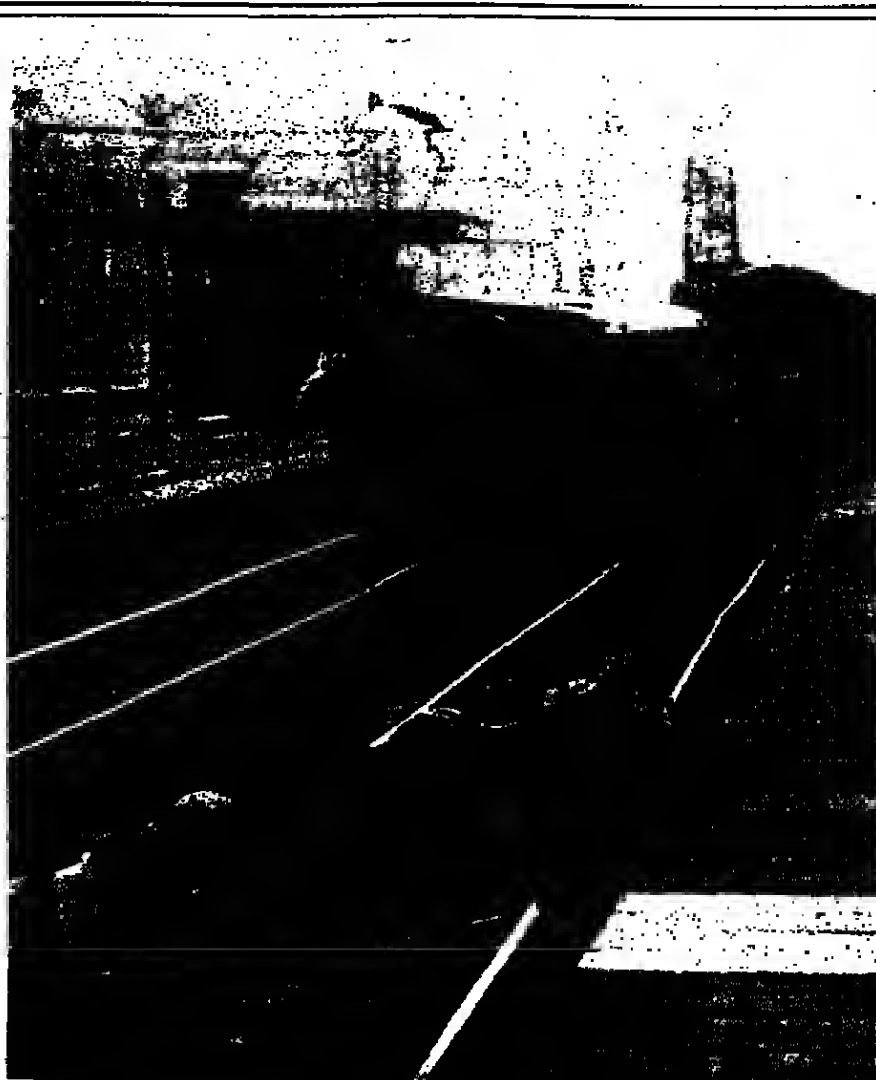
Hilton said his attempts to investigate have come up against a wall of silence from American, British and Nepalese authorities. Documents relating to Maddock's disappearance are missing, he claimed.

A Foreign Office spokesman said, "We never comment on stories of this kind." Hilton said that on the second day of the 1953 expedition he had saved Maddock's life after he fell into a river and "the experience made a vivid impression on Bert. I doubt if he would have taken chance."

Hilton left the expedition after contracting dysentery, leaving Maddock and his porters to go on.

"In 1953, there were at least nine U.S. technicians at work in Nepal, and it is possible that covert activities had already begun there in that year," Hilton wrote.

"It was a fact that tribesmen and other Tibetans from the frontier zone were being trained by the Americans in the United States and elsewhere," he claimed. "If Bert had unwittingly wandered into a guerrilla training area or camp, could he have been permitted to leave Nepal?"



CRASH SPURS CHECKS: British Rail has ordered a nationwide check of tracks after a London-Manchester train derailed at Bushey. Seventeen people were injured in the wreck, which occurred as the express was traveling at 100 miles an hour. Officials blamed a cracked rail for the mishap.

Photos in S. Korea papers

Opposition leaders reappear

SEOUL, Feb. 27 (AP) — South Korean newspapers have been allowed for the first time in five years to carry photographs of opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung fueling speculation that the government plans to rehabilitate prominent dissidents.

The censored local dailies, however, were still not allowed to print his name Tuesday and identified him only as an "opposition leader" or an "influential leader in the opposition camp."

The pictures were taken at a private dinner Monday hosted by Kim Sang-Man, publisher of the independent *Dongha Ilbo*.

Among those present were Kim Dae-Jung, opposition New Democratic party president Kim Young Sam and majority Democratic Republic party president Kim Joong-Pil.

The three presidential hopefuls sat together for the first time since October 1972, when the late President Park Chung-Hee introduced his authoritarian "Yushin" (revitalizing reforms) political system. Kim

Dae-Jung, who was in self-imposed exile in Japan, was brought home from Tokyo in an international celebrated kidnapping allegedly carried out by Park's agents.

Kim came close to beating Park in the last popular presidential election held in 1971.

Kim's name and photos disappeared from the Korean press soon after Park imposed an emergency decree in May 1975 banning political dissent.

Kim served nearly three years in prison for criticizing Park in 1976, and was placed under house arrest until the emergency decree was lifted last December following Park's assassination in October.

Martial law officials explained that Kim's name could not be printed until his civil rights are fully restored.

Informed sources reported that the government of President Choi Kyu-Pak is likely to rehabilitate Kim and hundreds of other political dissidents this week.

In Surinam

Lawyers told to form junta

PARAMARIBO, Surinam, Feb. 27 (AP) — Two lawyers from a small left-leaning party were named Tuesday to pick the candidates for a civilian junta by the sergeants who took control of this South American country.

In a televised broadcast the sergeants also warned the population to maintain order. One broadcast included film clips of offenders who were said to have been beaten by soldiers as punishment for looting, raping and murdering during turmoil accompanying Monday's coup.

Prime Minister Henck Arron and most of his cabinet remained in hiding.

The broadcast began with a statement from Arron's vice prime minister, Oton Van Genderen, who had earlier been reported under arrest. Van Genderen handed over control to the new authorities and urged the populace to accept their rule.

Then Sgt. Lauren Neede, vice president of the soldiers' union in whose name the sergeants had seized power, announced that the union had called on lawyers Edh Bruma and Franklin Leeftang to form a civilian junta.

Both have been associated with the Party of the National Republic, a small group which now has no representation in Parliament but which had been in the left wing of Arron's first coalition government when Surinam became independent in 1975.

Bruma, who had retired from politics, had been Arron's first minister of economic affairs, but left that post when Arron threw Bruma's party out of the government in 1977. The party since has opposed Arron's National party.

Arron's most recent coalition government had been a four-party coalition.

Bruma and Leeftang were instructed to line up members for the junta, which the sergeants had promised in a television broadcast Monday night.

The sergeants also had promised respect for human rights and for "the interests of foreign investors."

The two lawyers announced that Arron's whereabouts were known, but did not say where he was.

They also warned against "price-hiking" and "reprisals" and said "looters will be shot at."

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'We were embarrassed'

Lakers thrash Seattle

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP) — It was the kind of game you'd like to forget, but can't. And that suits Vince Wilkens fine.

"We were embarrassed," the coach of the Seattle SuperSonics said after his team was thrashed by the Los Angeles Lakers 131-108 Tuesday night. "We will remember it — and we won't let them forget it."

The victory was Los Angeles' seventh in a row and 18th straight at home, where Lakers have a 30-3 record. It put them one game ahead of the defending National Basketball Association champion Sonics in the tough Pacific Division race.

The Lakers played superbly, hitting 58 of 96 field goal attempts, a .604 pace, with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar leading the way with 31 points on 12-of-16. The Sonics were 42-of-94 for 44.7.

The Lakers also outrebounded the Sonics 61-41, with Abdul-Jabbar and Jamaal Wilkes grabbing 11 each. And Los Angeles led in assists, with Earvin Johnson handing out 13.

Austin advances in Houston play

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 27 (AP) — Four seeded players, including second seeded Tracy Austin, claimed straight set wins Tuesday in the second day of a \$150,000 women's tennis tournament.

Austin, 17, dropped only one game in disposing of fellow Californian Kate Latham 6-1, 6-0 in the second day of tournament play.

Earlier in the day Dianne Fromholtz, a 23-year-old Australian who was seeded fifth, had little trouble with Maria Redondo. Fromholtz won the match 6-3, 6-0.

Sixth seeded Sue Barker of England also advanced Tuesday, defeating another Englishwoman, Glynnis Coles, 6-2, 6-2, and eighth-seeded Greer Stevens of South Africa turned back Swiss-born Bettina Bunge 7-6, 6-3.

Czechoslovakian-born Martina Navratilova, the tournament's top seed, Monday opened her quest for a fifth straight Houston tournament title by beating Dianne Morrison 6-0, 6-2.

Navratilova, currently the top-ranked woman player in the world, has won 30 consecutive singles matches and her last eight tournaments.

Windies draw in New Zealand

CHRISTCHURCH, Feb. 27 (R) — The second cricket test between New Zealand and the West Indies, which had packed drama and ill-temper into its earlier days petered out in a draw here Wednesday.

New Zealand leads 1-0 in the series. The third and final test opens in Auckland on Friday.

With the West Indians on 447 for five in their second innings, both teams gave up the attempt to find a winner 35 minutes early.

Colin King had become the fifth man to score a century in the match when he hit the final ball — from Geoff Howarth, who had

Badminton rivals discuss unification

SINGAPORE, Feb. 27 (R) — Two rival international badminton organizations will hold a joint meeting in Jakarta in May to study various formulas aimed at uniting them, the president of the Singapore Badminton Association, Dr. Lee Kim Tat, said.

The two bodies are the London-based International Badminton Federation (IBF) and the World Badminton Federation (WBF) which was formed in 1978 in a bid to break what officials were described as "the Anglo-Saxon domination" of the sport.

The Lakers broke the game open in the third quarter, extending a 66-52 halftime lead to 91-69 midway through the period. Seattle never really threatened after that and suffered its most lopsided loss of the season.

Dennis Johnson led Seattle with 30 points.

Cellies 108, Hawks 97

Rick Robey scored a season-high 27 points and grabbed 13 rebounds as Boston beat Atlanta in a battle of division leaders before an arena record crowd of 15,622 at the rebuilt Hartford Civic Center coliseum.

76ers 98, Blazers 96

Julius Erving stole a Calvin Natt pass and fed Maurice Cheeks for a layup with 25 seconds left to give Philadelphia its victory. Erving, who led all scorers with 29 points, tied the game at 96 with a twisting jumper with 43 seconds to go.

Philadelphia's Lionel Hollins, starting against Portland for the first time since being traded by the Blazers earlier this month, scored 25 points.

Rockets 93, Pacers 88

Moses Malone's 24 points helped Houston beat Indiana. Calvin Murphy added 16 points for the rockets and surpassed the 15,000-joint mark for his career.

Kings 119, Warriors 99

Kansas City kept its Midwest division lead over Milwaukee at 2½ games by beating Golden State behind 29 points by Otis Birdsong and 26 by Phil Ford. The Kings erased a 57-51 halftime deficit by outscoring the Warriors 34-16 in the third quarter, in which they shot 72 per cent and outrebounded Golden State 16-4.

Bucks 122, Clippers 88

Rokkie Pat Cummings scored 25 points, his high as a pro, as the Bucks handed San Diego its fifth loss in the last six starts. Cummings had 13 points and four rebounds in the second quarter to help Milwaukee to a 61-42 halftime lead and the Clippers never caught up.

Bulls 105, Jazz 85

Reggie Theus had 25 points, 11 assists and 8 steals for the Bulls, who pulled away in the final period, outscoring Utah 37-21 in the fourth quarter.

Nuggets 121, Suns 112

Dan Issel had 31 points and 20 rebounds as Denver posted its fourth victory in the last six games, pulling in front with a 21-4 spurt in the third quarter. Issel ignited the winning surge with a pair of baskets.

scored the first New Zealand century — high over the long on boundary.

Earlier Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes had taken their stand to 225 — a West Indian first wicket record against New Zealand — having wiped out all but seven runs of the first innings arrears.

Three short of his 100, Greenidge was taken at the wicket off Gary Troup. After Lunc Haynes followed him out. When Jeremy Coney had him caught at square leg he had hit 122, including 17 fours and three sixes, in 263 minutes.

The WBF has a total of 21 members, confined to Asian and African countries. China, one of the top badminton nations, is a founder member of the WBF.

Indonesia, which holds the Thomas Cup, symbol of world badminton supremacy, belongs to the IBF which has a total membership of 46.

Lee described the clash between the two notions here last weekend as "a badminton diplomacy," to highlight the need to unite the IBF and WBF.



HARD LANDING: In a recent First Division match with the Bolton Wanderers at Highbury, Graham Rix of Arsenal, right, goes over for a scissor kick with Dave Clement of Bolton just behind.

Liverpool drive to championship takes a detour

LONDON, Feb. 27 (R) — John Richardson interrupted Liverpool's surge towards a 12th English League soccer championship.

The Wolverhampton Wanderers still scored in the 71st minute of the First Division clash and Liverpool was unable to manage an equalizer.

Despite the unexpected 1-0 defeat, Liverpool remained two points clear of Manchester United at the top but their game in hand has now gone.

Emlyn Hughes, former Liverpool captain, was the inspiration behind his new team's win.

Liverpool staged a tremendous fightback in the last 10 minutes but saw a Kenny Dalglish shot hit the bar.

Meanwhile, Malta's soccer players face a nerve-racking 90 minutes in Bremen when they meet West Germany in a European championship group match.

On top of trying to contain their mighty opponents, the Maltese will need to overcome near-freezing temperatures, floodlighting and a grass pitch — all of which they are strangers to.

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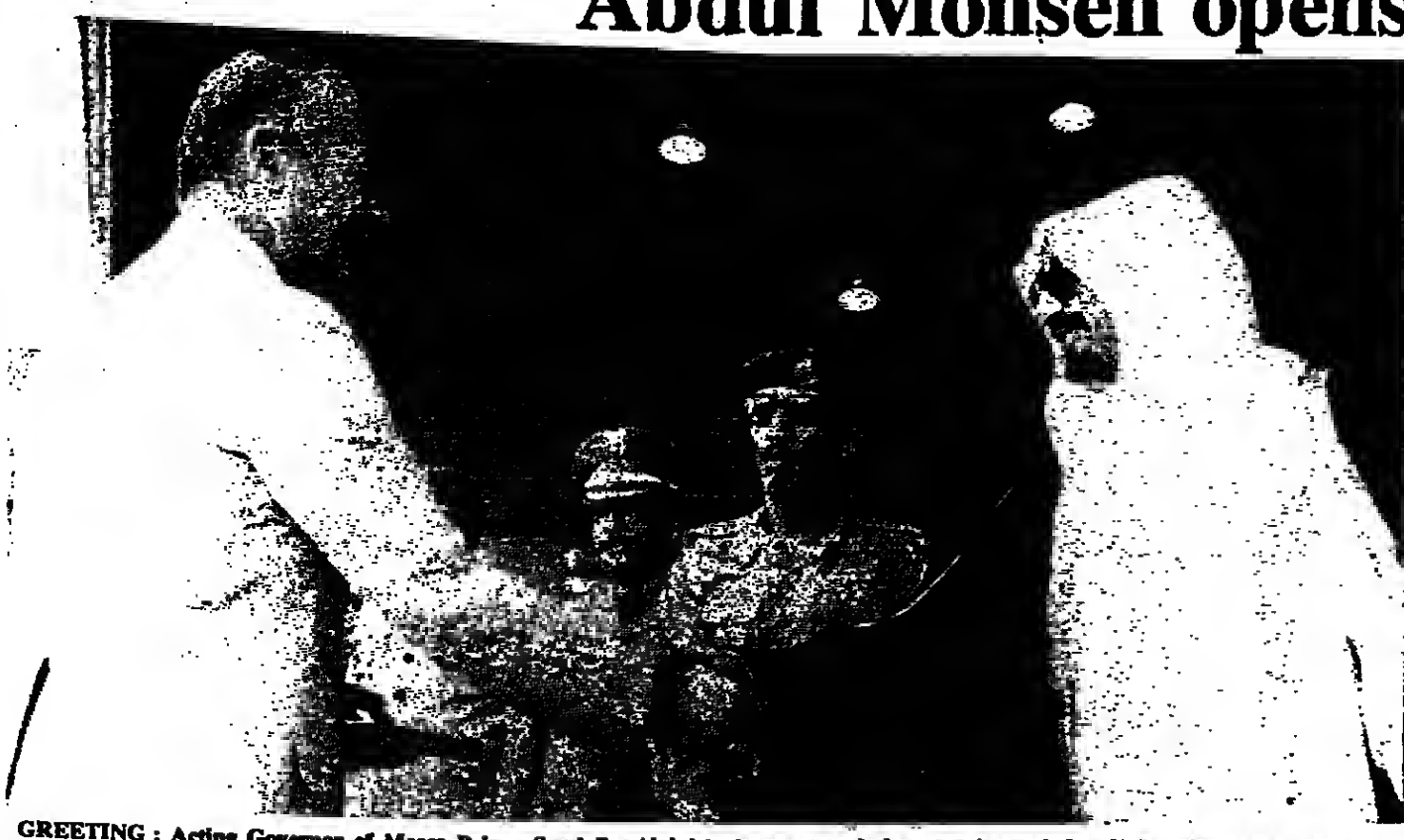
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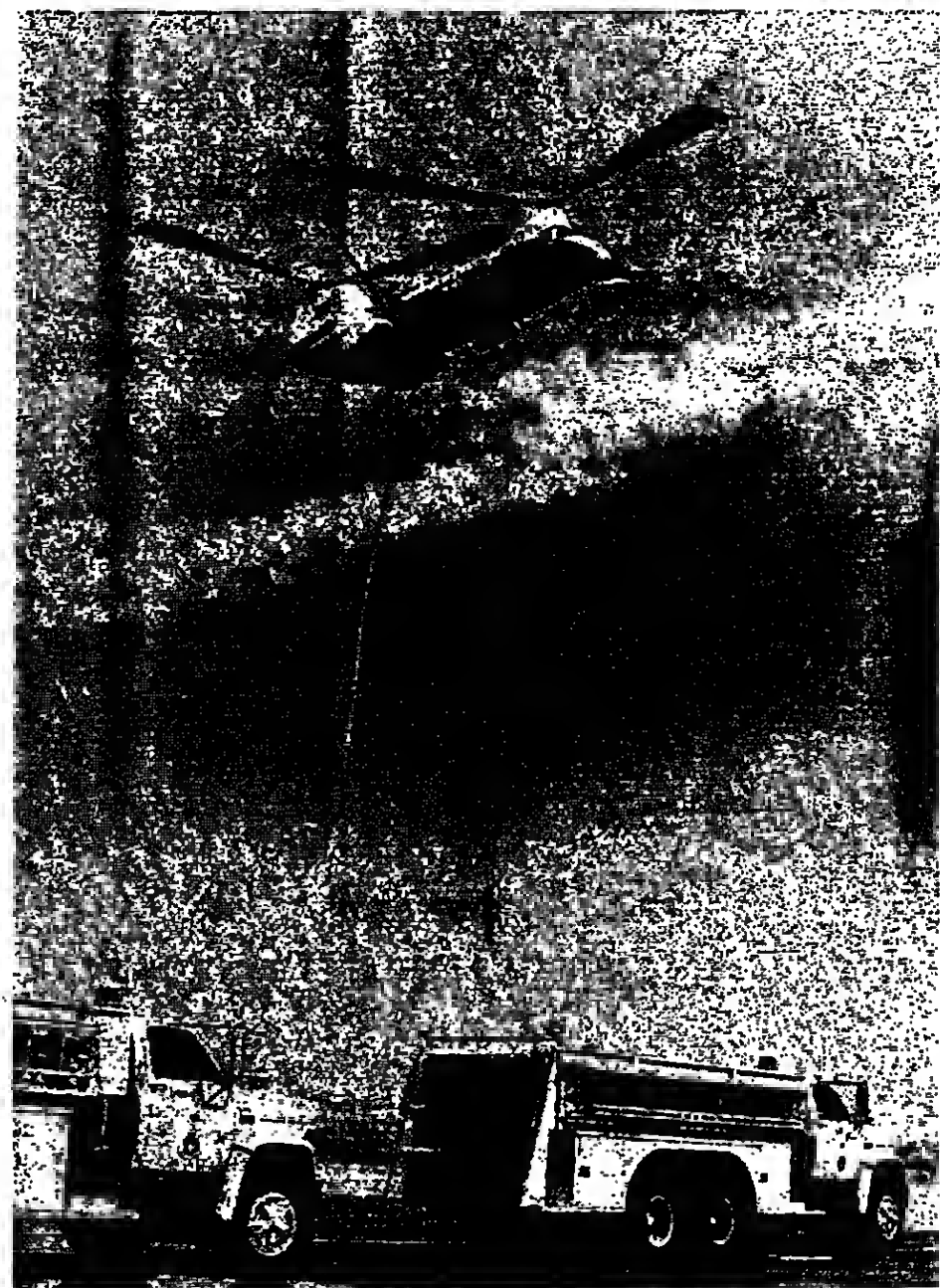
GREETING : Acting Governor of Mecca Prince Sand ibn Abdul Mohsen opened the operations of the Civil Defense in Jeddah Wednesday. Here the Prince is shown greeting Frank Urbanic of Mid-East Technical Services who provided the equipment for the civil defense demonstration.



WELL DONE : Prince Sand greets civil defense men after their demonstration



FIREMEN : Civil Defense personnel gather fire hoses after demonstrating firefighting from the air.



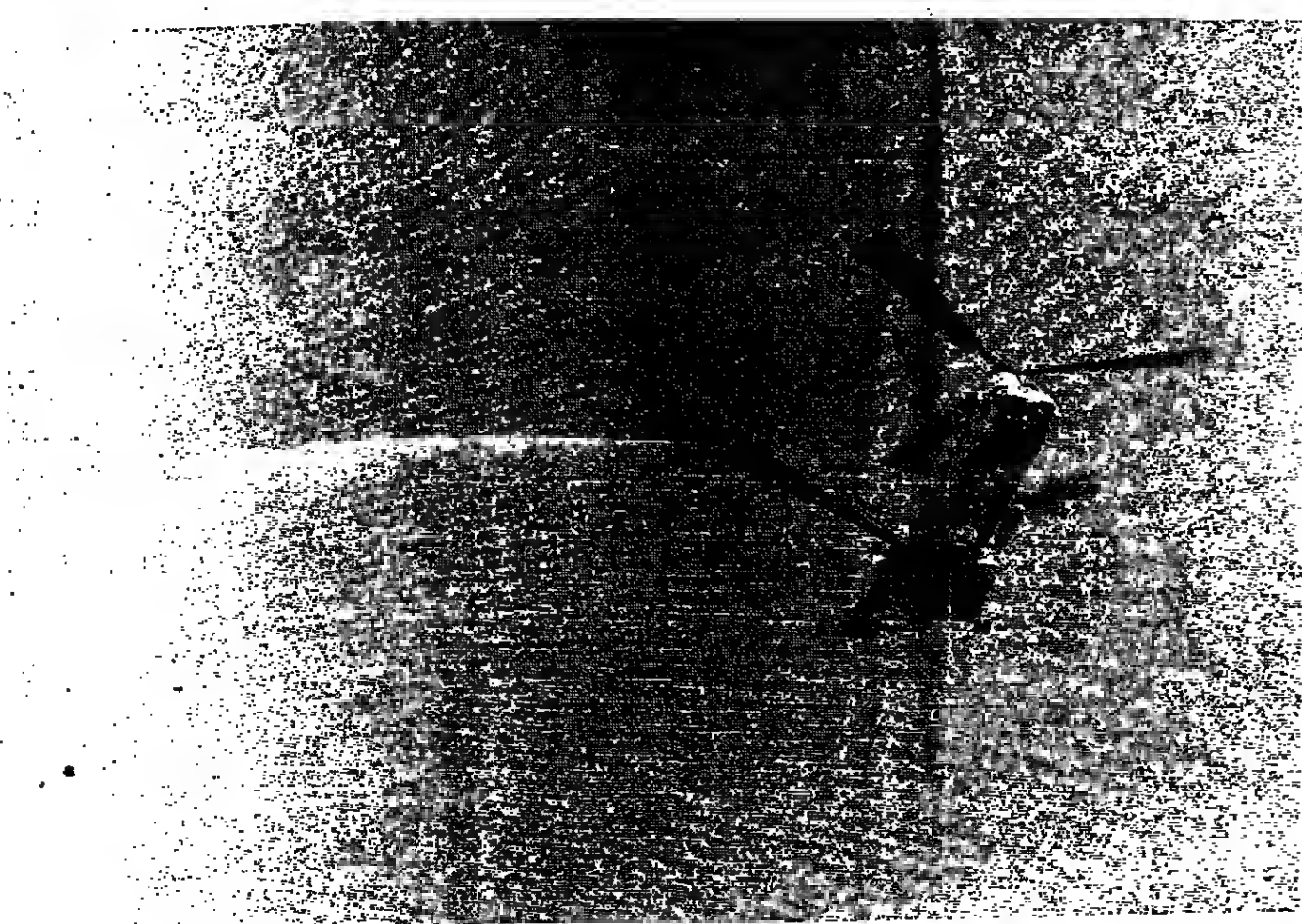
AERIAL HOSE : A civil defense helicopter hovers over fire trucks while preparations are completed for a demonstration of an aerial hose. Line at left is a hose connected to a water source on the ground. The dangling man is demonstrating the civil defense's ability to lower firefighters onto tall buildings from above.



TOUCHDOWN : Civil defense personnel demonstrated techniques for rescue and from helicopters. transporting of injured via suspension ropes

Civil defense men stand at attention around the helicopter pad after completing demonstration of rescue and life saving techniques.

(Photographs by Dick Massey, Muhammad Naqi)



Water jets out a movable arm as the helicopter holds steady at skyscraper height.



'Policies are sound'

Carter battles inflation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (R) — President Jimmy Carter says his economic policies are sound and he is exploring many possible ways to overcome soaring inflation.

In an interview with newspaper editors, the President flatly rejected mandatory wage and price controls and said his policy review was proceeding very cautiously.

"The basic policies that we have espoused suit me fine," he said. "The tuning of those and the enhancement of those is something that we intend to do."

Consumer prices in the United States increased by 1.4 per cent in January, an annual inflation rate of 18 per cent, five per cent higher than the 1979 rate.

Carter said inflation had reached a crisis stage but "it would be misleading for me to tell...you there is a solution."

"I would say our policies are sound and we are caught up in circumstances over which we have very little control," he said.

"Mandatory wage and price controls are out of the question for me. We will take other actions as we determine them to be appropriate."

The president said inflation had become a world-wide problem chiefly because of the soaring price of imported oil.

Some countries were worse off than the United States, he said, noting that inflation in Israel was running at more than 100 per cent a year.

The president said mandatory economic controls would be counter-productive and history had shown they worked only in times of intense crisis.

However, Carter is considering major new spending cuts and a possible balanced budget to stem what he sees as a very disturbing inflationary trend, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

They said his \$15.8 billion deficit budget for the 1981 financial year may already be outdated because of the jump in consumer prices in January.

Options being considered in the administration and Congress include selective credit controls, which Carter has power to impose, new authority for the administration to delay business price increases, and limits on hikes in benefits for social security and other schemes tied to consumer prices.

But most sentiment is for cuts in federal spending.

"If he came up and said, 'Damn it, we're

going to balance the federal budget,' we'd do it," said Senate Banking Committee Chairman William Proxmire.

"We are looking at the budget, James McIntyre, director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, told the National Governors' Association.

"I still think it would be important to balance the budget as soon as possible," he said. What administration officials insist is part of a constant review of the economic situation has intensified, however, with the report last week that consumer prices shot up at a 1.4 per cent clip in January.

Following those grim statistics, Carter held an extraordinary session of his economic advisers at the White House on Sunday night. McIntyre told Reuters that no decision had been reached yet and cautioned against expecting any dramatic announcements soon.

"We're not in a panic," he said. "We're not grasping at straws. If we do something, it will be well thought out."

McIntyre declined to go into specifics on the review but said officials were looking at both 1980 and 1981 budgets.

The 1981 budget, for the year beginning next October 1, contained a \$15.8 billion deficit. At the same time, the president increased by \$16 billion the planned spending for the 1980 budget and projected a \$39.8 billion 1981 deficit.

The Congressional Budget Office, however, estimated the 1981 deficit as more likely to be about \$30 billion.

Economist Alan Greenspan, who estimated a \$30 billion 1981 deficit, said the most effective step by Carter and Congress to convince financial markets they were serious about fighting inflation would be to cut spending sharply in the 1981 budget.

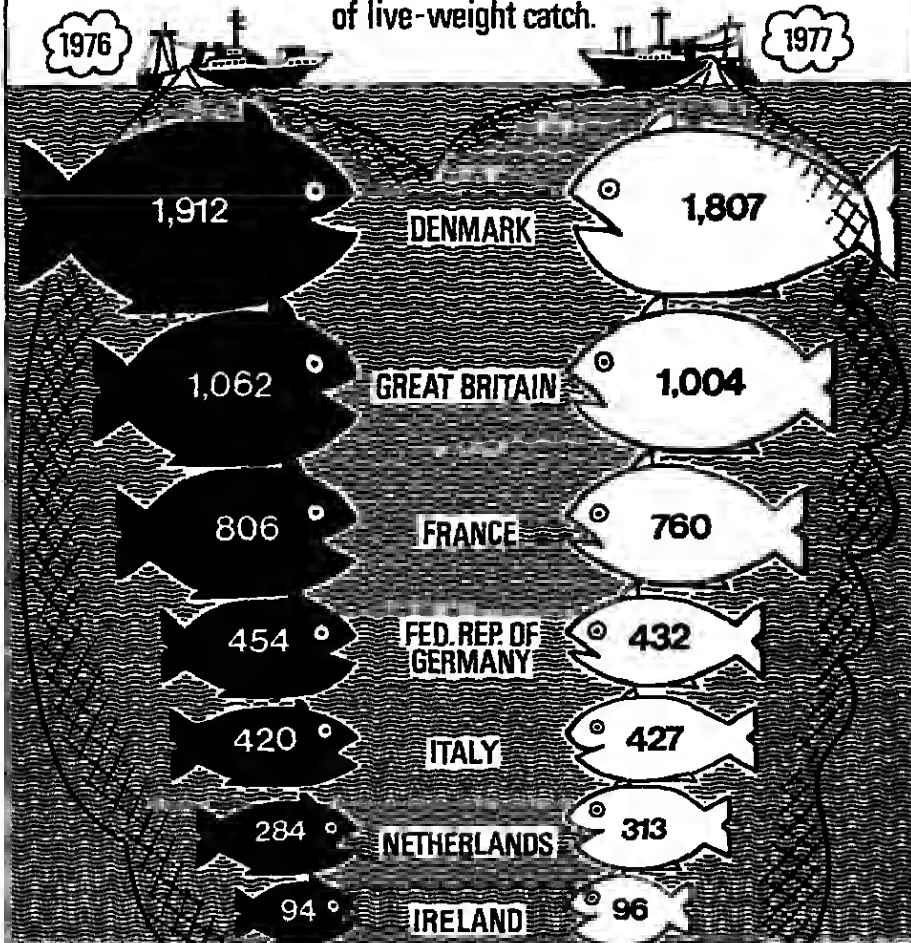
Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker said a tighter administration fiscal policy would take some pressure off his central bank and help pull down soaring interest rates.

House Budget Committee Chairman Robert Giamo was "terribly disturbed" by the extra \$16 billion in spending for 1980 but said it was questionable how much of that could be withheld.

But Senator Proxmire has proposed a list for some \$35 billion in spending cuts for 1980 and 1981. He said he was not convinced all the proposed defense spending was necessary.

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The amount of fish caught by the EC countries is dropping off. The figures below indicate thousands of tons of live-weight catch.



FLEETING FISH: The stock of fish and European Community national fleet catches are rapidly diminishing in size. The countries were able to net 5,076 million tons of fish in 1976, but only a year later their catch was reduced to 4,884 million tons, seven per cent of the world's catch.

Alaskan gold not mineable

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Feb. 27 (AP) — Geologists reported Tuesday that a zone of mineralization discovered in Alaska's Chugach mountains contains gold, silver, copper and lead, but not in significant amounts.

"The sampling does not disclose a mineable ore body, it does point to a geological structure that is well worth prospecting," said Charles F. Herbert, a minerals exploration consultant for BP-Alaska exploration.

Preliminary reports of a study taken by three geologists last summer raised speculation.

that significant amounts of the minerals were found at the site. The location, near the Nelchina Glacier some 145 miles north of here, was announced Tuesday when the study was formally released.

But Herbert said the advance reports were based on high-contrast samples from the study and were not representative of the general findings.

More than 200 people converged near Eureka Summit on the Glenn highway, some 21 miles north of the mineral find, in hopes of being able to stake claims, but deep snow stymied most.

Market gains in afternoon trading

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 — Following a down opening the market reversed Tuesday at 2 p.m. with the oil issues leading the market on the upside. At the closing bell the DJIA was up 4.44, transports gained 3.55 and utilities were off .54. Volume of trading was 40 million shares. Breadth was 4 to 3 on the downside. The AMEX closed 297.51.

The leading issues were basically dominated by the oil group with Mobil up 7 1/2 to 83 1/4, Gulf up 1 1/4 to 51 1/4, Texaco advanced 1/2 to 40, and Std. of Cal. 3 1/2 to 99 1/2.

Among the Canadian oils Dome Petroleum gained 1/2 to 68 1/4, Gulf of Canada advanced 1 1/4 to 153, and Total Petroleum rose 2 1/2 to 29 1/2.

Among the other issues IBM off 1/2 to 65, American Cyanamid on a take-over rumor gained 1 1/2 to 37 1/2, Digital Equipment advanced 1/2 to 77, Hewlett Packard up 1/4 to 65, and Eastman Kodak up 1/4 to 46 1/2.

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Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5.00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.371	3.3625
Pound Sterling	7.65	7.71	7.71
Deutsche Mark (100)	191.00	192.50	191.20
Swiss F (100)	201.00	205.00	201.50
French F (100)	81.00	82.50	81.60
Italian Lira (10,000)	41.00	40.50	41.55
Lebanese Lira (100)		102.00	101.50
Syrian Lira (100)		79.50	86.60
Egyptian Pound		4.45	4.50
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.35	12.30
Jordanian Dinar		11.45	11.36
Emirates Dirham (100)		—	90.10
Omani Riyal (100)		91.90	91.80
Bahraini Dinar		8.93	8.93
Iranian Riyal (100)		25.00	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)		10.25	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)		74.20	74.10
Moroccan Dirham (100)		85.00	90.75
Indian Rupee (100)		—	42.35
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	34.15
Gold kg.		69,000.00	—
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Silver kg.		—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.50	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.91	3.00	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	117.00	—	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	173.00	—	173.60
Spanish Peso	—	51.00	51.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	82.50	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	—	46.00
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Windfall tax passes in committee

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP) — A Senate-House of Representatives conference committee gave final approval Tuesday to a \$227.3 billion "windfall" tax on the oil industry after agreeing on a formula for helping millions of Americans cope with rising fuel costs.

The bill earmarks nearly \$57 billion in the 1980s to help an estimated 18 million families near or below the poverty line.

The long-awaited tax measure could open the door for across-the-board income-tax reductions for individuals and corporations in the United States as early as next fall.

Although President Jimmy Carter opposes any tax-cut action now for fear it would worsen inflation, spokesman for his administration hailed the bill as one of the greatest domestic achievements during Carter's term. The measure intends to assure that the oil industry does not profit unduly from his plan to reduce U.S.

reliance on imported energy.

Attached to the bill is a major new tax break aimed at encouraging savings in 1981 and 1982. It would allow a couple to avoid federal income taxes on the first \$400 earned each year from interest or dividends.

A majority of the 26 conferees from the two houses signed the compromise tax bill. A final vote by the House and Senate would send the bill to Carter for his signature by mid-March.

Carter recommended the "windfall" tax after deciding to phase out government price controls on U.S. crude oil in an effort to spur greater domestic production and cut imports.

The bill would give Carter more than three-quarters of the tax that he asked. While it does not earmark the money the way the President proposed, neither does it lock out his energy program.

UAE signs oil search concession

DUBAI, Feb. 27 (R) — A U.S. oil company has signed a concession agreement with the ruler of Dubai to search for onshore oil in the Emirates, company officials announced.

Officials from Arco International Oil and Gas company, a division of Atlantic Richfield, said after the agreement was signed with Sheikh Rashid Bin Said Al-Maktoum that the concession would last 35 years and covered 760,000 acres (310,000 hectares) of the Emirate.

Dubai produces about 560,000 barrels of crude a day but all from offshore wells. Two other groups have drilled for onshore oil without success.

The officials, Arco Vice President Larry Ashbury and chief negotiator Charles Forebusch, said the company would start geological surveys of the concession area immediately. These would take between one and a half and two years.

Meanwhile, United Arab Emirates (UAE) Oil Minister Yousif Said Otaybi left Baghdad Tuesday after a two-day visit during which he discussed cooperation with Iraq in the oil domain.

Earlier, Otaybi had been quoted as saying he would discuss in Iraq the calling of an emergency meeting of oil producers on unifying prices.

U.S. firm tests North Sea field

LONDON, Feb. 27 (R) — An American oil company said it was testing the output of one of its rigs which has been drilled in the North Sea in an area where a London newspaper reported that there might be a major new oilfield.

Marathon Oil Company's financial director, Rex Cooley, said the newspaper

report was highly speculative adding that testing was still in its early stages and no results could be expected for a few weeks.

The London Evening Standard said the Marathon drilling rig could have found a field comparable in size with Shell's Brent field and BP's Forties, the biggest in the North Sea.



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Britain	2.2785	2.2788	Australian Dollar	1.18115
Switzerland	1.6860	1.6765	Austrian Schilling	16.0025
Belgium	0.155000	0.155000	Belgian Franc	27.2329
France	4.1317	4.1380	Canadian Dollar	1.101045
Germany	1.7600	1.7600	Dutch Guilder	2.9110
Netherlands	1.9415	1.9375	French Franc	5.2840
Belgian C	26.606	26.580	Iranian Rial	92.4636
Belgian F	0.155000	0.155000	Italian Lira	339.8005
Denmark	5.4386	5.4718	Japanese Yen	322.955
Norway	4.6103	4.6103	Dutch Guilder	2.9109
Sweden	4.1933	4.1770	Portuguese Escudo	200.4847
Japan	248.250	247.460	Spanish Peseta	166.0153
America	1.1251	1.1254	Swedish Kroner	5.47094
Canada	1.1026	1.1013	Swiss Franc	7.23220
Australia	1.0600	1.0600	Ecuadorian Sucre	32.8073
Spain	3.7375	3.7320	Indonesian Rupiah	823.790
Finland			Kenyan Shilling	2.558266
			Malaysian Ringgit	2.85898
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Netherlands	106.200	106.20		
Switzerland	106.200	106.200		
Belgium	6.1584	6.159		
France	42.564	42.525		
Germany	32.008	32.110		
Norway	35.885	35.885		
Sweden	2.181	2.181		
Italy	2.181	2.183		
Austria	13.865	13.865		
Spain	2.625	2.638		
Portugal	3.658	3.658		
Japan	6.7120	6.7105		
Finland	47.110	47.130		

GOLD		الذهب	
Closing Gold Prices (in US Dollars per troy ounce)			
	Feb. 21	Feb. 22	
London	637.75	632.90	
Paris	638.07	633.07	
Frankfurt	644.70	644.70	
Zurich	682.50	637.50	
Hong Kong	648.67	647.47	

MEPC	193	195	First Chicago Corp.	19%
Nat. West. Bank	361	368	First Nat. Boston	30%
P & O	115½	115	First Penna	7%
Pineapp Co.	137	140	Florida Power & L.L.	21%
Pillsbury	220	210	Ford Motor	31
Prudential Assur.	177	178	Fresport Mineral	56%
Bank Reconstruction ..	210	206	Fruehauf Corp.	28

Reed International	197	195	GAF Corp.	101%
Rohm & Haas	88	88	GATX Corp. PI.	36%
Royal Dutch	537%	538%	Granville Shpg.	38%
Royal Insurance	338	340	Gen. Dynamics	73%
Rio Tinto Zinc Corp.	440	433	Gen. Electric	51%
Rugby Portland	73	73	General Foods	27%
Ryanair	292	292		

Russensberg	204	250	General Instruments	47½
Stand. & Child, Etc.	484	487	General Mills	22¼
Starr Dairry	87	88	General Motors	49¾
Stroll	380	390	Gen. Pub. Util.	5½
Taylor Woodrow	368	271	Gen. Tel. & Elect.	26½
Tee & Lyle	164	160nd	General Tire	15½
Tesco	62	81½	Genesco Inc.	3¾

1 Wing	130	131	Georgia Pacific	31%
7 Pradiger House	72%	73	Getty Oil	95%
Thorn Elect.	312	314	Gillette	22%
Trust House Foris	171	163	Goodrich B. F.	20%
Tube Investments	296	294	Goodyear Tire	12%
Unilever	456	453	Gould Inc.	24%
Ultramar	498	490	Grace W.R. Co.	41%

United Biscuits	85	84	Gl. Atl. Pac. Tea	7%
Vickers	127	126	Grayhound	18%
Wheelock Marden	41%	38%	Grumman Corp.	25%
			Gulf & Western	19%
			Gulf Oil	50%
			Heinz H. J.	38%

	Closing Feb. 26	Closing Feb. 22		
		Price Limit		
Aedes	3900	3800	Hercules	22
AMC	9.25	8.50	Hewlett Packard	68 1/4
Bastogi	688.00	685.00	Hilton Hotel	32
Breda	1585	1574	Holiday Inns	17 1/2
			Homestead Min.	58
			Household Fin.	15 1/2
			Household Fin.	15 1/2

Burgo	8850	8890	Howard Johns	23%
Centoni	8900	8930		
Centrale	9150	9155	I.C. Industries	24%
Cigs	2815	2800	IJ International	13%
Comp Ass Milano	10801	10700	Inco Ltd.	30
Cred Ital	1620	1605	Ingersoll Rand	57%
Erie	3040	2810	Inland Steel	32%
			IRM	68%

Brooks Merrill	385.50	382.00	Intl. Flavour	18%
Edronka	5850	5840	Intl. Harvester	32%
Flat	1950	1975	Intl. Min. & Chem.	57%
Flat Priv	1582	1395	Intl. Paper	41%
Finkeid	91.73	\$2.50	Intl. Tel. & Tel.	27%
General Assic.	60130	50020	Irving Bank Corp.	34%
Gen. Insurance	60.60	60.00		

IBP	4070	4054	Jeff. Pilot	28%
IF	2905	2675	Jewel Cos.	25%
Reinhardt	22750	22700	Johns Manville	21%
Raigas	812.00	800.00	Johnson & Johns.	70%
Raiskier	271.00	275.00	Jonathan Logan	9%
Lapetti	29900	29900	Joy Manufacturing	34%
Malik	45200	45200	K. Mart Corp.	19%

Montedison	4050	4050	Kaiser Aluminum	22 1/2
Metal Ital	4050		Kaufman & Broad	9 1/2
Montedison	180.25	180.25	Kellogg Co.	17 1/2
Olivetti	1665.00	1615.00	Kennecott	40
Pirelli & Co	2148	2098	Kerr McGee	72
Pirelli S.P.A.	740.00	730.00	Kimberly Clark	UNAV
RAS	128,500	130,000	Kraft Inc.	UNAV

Parascartes	129.00	129.25	Kroger Co.	16%
Serra	6390	6390	LTV Corp.	12%
SIP	1050.00	1050.00	Leas Siegel	25%
Snis	636.50	636.00	LOF Company	23%
			Unger Group	38
			Union Industries	52%
			Lockheed Aircraft	38%

Stock	Feb. 21	Feb. 22	Long Star Indus.	29%
AMF Inc.	14	14	Louisiana Land	51%
AM International	18%	19%	Lucky Stores	14%
ARA SVC	32%	31%	Macy R. H.	54%
ASA	48%	47%	Mira. Hanover	30%
Aetna Life & Cass	31%	31%	Masco	44%
			Methuen Oil	71

Alcan Aluminum	58%	57%	Marine Midland	19%
Allegheny Power	14	13%	Marshall Field	17%
Allied Chemical	58%	55%	Martin Mari	01%
Allied Stores	20%	20%	Masco Corp.	25%
Arts Chairmen	27%	27%	Mitsubishi	28%
Alcoa	64%	64%	Metall Inc.	8%
Amex Inc.	54%	53%	McDonald's	41%
			McDonald's Franch	44%

Amerasia Heats	58%	58%	McGraw Hill	27%
Amer. Airlines	10%	10	Mead Corp.	25%
Amer. Brands	62%	61%	Memoex	16%
Amer. Broadcast	33	31	Merck Co.	65
Amer. Can.	22%	22	MGM	19%
Amer. Cyanamid	32%	34%	Middle 5 U.S. ..	11%
			Stamps, Mfg. & Mkt.	51%

Amer. Elec. Pow.	18%	19%	Mobile Corp.	75%
Amer. Home Prod.	25%	25%	Monsanto	52
Amer. Hosp. Sup.	30%	30%	Moore Nic Cr	51
Amer. Nipors	8%	8	Morgan J. P.	41%
Amer. Nat. Res.	50%	50%	Motorola	58%
Amer. Standard	53%	53%	NCR Corp.	80
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	43%	43		

Armco Inc.	28%	27%	AL Industries	42%
Armco Inc.	30%	30%	Mobilco Inc.	21%
Asarco Inc.	53%	52%	Malco Chemical	32%
Ashland Oil	39%	38%	National Can.	22%
Atl. Richfield	103%	100%	Nat. Disasters	26%
Avco Corp.	22%	23%	National Steel	29%
			Noromes	45

Avon Products	34%	34%	Newmont	53%
Bank of NY	33%	32%	Norfolk & Western	31
Bank America	22%	21%	Northwest Airlines	24%
Bankers Trust NY	42%	42%	Northwest Bancorp	22%
Boader Transinol	38%	36%	Norton Simon	13%
Beatrice Foods	19%	18%	Occidental Petrol	31
			Occidental Petroleum	28%

Beckman Instr.	25%	25%	O'Brien Corp.	38%
Beckon Dickinson	32%	32%	Om Corp.	22
Beit & Howell	27%	26%	Owens Illinois	25%
Bendix	50%	50		
Bergquist Cons 'B'	11%	11%	PPG Ind.	31%
Bethlehem Steel	23	23%	Pacific Gas & El.	20%
Bethlehem Steel	23	23%	Pacific Lighting	19%
			Pan Am World Air	5%

Black & Decker	21	20%	Pennsylvania	23
Boeing Co.	61%	62%	Pennzoil Co.	51%
Boise Cascade	37%	36%	Pepsi Co.	22%
Borden	23	22%	Pfizer	36%
Borg Warner	48	39%	Philip Dodge	43%
Bristol Myers	55%	33%	Phil Morris	34
Bulk Pet. ADR	36%	36%	Phillips Petroleum	64%

Brunswick	14%	14	Pittsury	32%
Bucyrus Erie	21	20%	Pitney Bowes	34%
Burlington Ind.	17%	17%	Pliston Co.	27%
Burlington N.H.	72	71%	Plan Research	7%
Burroughs	75%	75%	Polaroid	22%
CBS	52%	51%	Procter Gamble	7%
			Pub. Serv. Elect.	16%

Company	1997	1998	1999	2000
CPC International	64%	66%	Pullman	31%

Warner-Comm.	55%	54	NBC	5.80	5.20
Warner-Lambert	26%	20	MTL Lysol	2.70	(NT)
Wells-Fargo	25%	23%	Myer	-1.85	1.83
Western Bancorp.	28%	28%	Nat. Bank	2.60	2.58
Western Union	24%	24%	Nicholas	1.56	(NT)
Westinghouse Elect.	23%	23	North Broken HNB	2.75	3.55
Weyerhaeuser	35%	34%	Oakbridge	3.88	3.85
			Oil Search	0.37	0.35

90%	9 1/2	9 1/2	Robe	1.30	1.30
91%	Zenith Radio	9 1/2	9 1/2	Santos	0.19	8.00
92				Saltcrust	4.55	(NT)
93%				H.C. Stalgh	UNAV	1.30
94%				Southern	16.50	16.00
95%				Southern	0.37	0.38
96%				Stocks & Holdings ...	5.20	(NT)
97%				Sven Persson	1.24	1.27

	Closing	Closing		
	Feb. 22	Feb. 25		
	Price Frs.			
Air Liquide	510.00	500.00	Westfield	3.90 (NT)
Alstom	65.80	65.70	WMC	4.60
			Woodside Pet.	2.28
			Woolworths	1.47

TOKYO 東京

8%	China	18.30	18.50	Daishiki Kangyo Bank	380	380
12%	Chim. Routiere	146.00xd	143.50	Daikoku House	312	310
17 1/4	CIT-Alcatel	1088	1075	Fuji Photo Film	507	497
10%	Cibo Med.	351.50	360.00	Fujitsu	463	445
17 1/4	Cib. Bancario	352.00	337.00	Hitech	259	252
4	CCE	358.00	390.00	Iscagali	380	362
		180.00	180.00	K. Itoh	444	435

31%	Gairrow Lafayette	143.90	141.00	Mitsubishi Electric	510	203
9%	Hachette	249.00	242.00	Mitsubishi Hyv Ind.	210	199
17%	Imetel	114.10	113.00	Mitsui Co.	365	361
2%	J. Borrel	128.00	127.00	Mitsumi Electric	485	400
48%	Kiebo Colombia	60.50	57.00	Nippon Electric	404	390
37%	Lafarge	250.10	246.10	Nippon Oil	1,870	1,930
34%	Leclair	1595	1550	Nippon Steel	137	139
				Nissan Motor	720	717

2%	Mitsubishi	475.00	472.00	Taiwan	154	157
1%	Musen			Tokyo Marine Fire	819	818
4%	Nobel-Bosi	52.80	50.80	Toray Indus.	234	236
	Nord-East	40.20	40.30	Toshiba Elec.	198	197
4%	Osaka	200.50	203.00	Toto	440	433
0%	PUK	111.50	109.00	Toyco Kogyo	405	408
4	Pernod Ricard	282.00	295.00	Toyota	810	810
9	Perrine	228.00	285.00			

8%	Bank (West)	219.00	210.00	Bank Loan	5200	5225
5%	Redoute & Roubet	425.00	425.00	BOV	1870	1840
5%	Phone Poudine	134.50	123.20	BOV (Boarer)
5%	Roussel-UCLAF	270.00	269.50	Buhrine	2680	2680
5%	Saefer	30.25	30.50	Ciba Geigy (Br)	1250	1255
5%	Sagem	830.00	830.00	Ciba Geigy (Non-v't's)	995	995
1%	Saint Gobain	123.10	120.20	Columbus	715	715
2%				Credit Suisse	2455	2445

2%	Stutz	270.00	270.00	Pinelli	280	288
10%	Thomson-Brandt	229.50	226.90	Sandoz (Beater)	4050	4075
2	UTA	148.50	148.50	Sandoz (Non-v King)	522	520
2	Ushor	15.00	15.00	Saurer (Beater)	990	990
8%	Yellowac	95.90	92.50	Schneider (Beater)	1300	1300
5%				SSH	446	430
3%	Foreign Issues			Sutser (Pact)	2925	2900

1%	Philips	41.90	41.05	Zurich Ins (Sw)	13550	13900
2%	Pres. Brand	177.00	176.50	BASLE		
3%	Royal Dutch	355.00	358.50	Roche Baby	6250	UNAV
4%	RTZ	42.00	41.10	Roche Div.Cert.	62500	UNAV
5%	Siemens	643.00	648.00			
6%	Sony	28.40	28.10			

	Feb. 25	Feb. 22
	Price Singapore \$	
Acme	2.80	2.83
Boustead	4.44	4.58
Bovis	(NT)	9.54
Bukit Lintang	(NT)	(NT)

xx = Ex alt; xc = Ex scrip issue; xd = Ex dividend; xr = Ex rights; (NT) = Not Traded; SUSP = Suspended; UNAV = Unavailable.

BONDS

Kuwait Bond Market and recent Kuwaiti
 Other Bond Issues updated when available

COMMODITIES اسعار السلع والمعادن

March	1372-1371	1385-1386
May	1403-1402	1385-1386
July	1423-1421	1413-1412
September	1445-1442	1440-1439
December	1484-1480	1478-1477
March	1515-1500	1507-1500
May	1540-1525	1550-1520

Freeze (millions) ..	597,500	ASST 1000
Sales	7,500 tons	4,050 tons
Market easier		

July	1625-1624	1605-1601
September	1659-1656	1636-1638
November	1676-1674	1650-1648
January	1685-1670	1655-1660
March	1675-1660	1653-1650

Sales: 5,602 lots of 5 tonnes.

COPPER	نحاس
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E per tonne

Cash	1183-1185	1158-1162	Colombians	188.00	185.00
Three months ..	1220-1222	1193-1194	Unwashed Arabics ..	173.00	169.00
Sales	1,050 tons	500 tons	Comp. Daily Prices (1968) ..	178.87	175.36
	Market easier		Bremen-Hamburg Price ..	179.61	178.12

LEAD	رصاص
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RUBBER	مطاط
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NICKEL		نيكل		April-June ... 89.00-89.05 87.80-88.10 July-Sept. ... 91.30-91.40 90.15-90.20 Oct.-Dec. 93.45-93.60 92.15-92.65 Market closed steady
		Export prices		
Spot	3010-3030	3090-3100		
Three months ..	3135-3140	3182-3185		
Polish	F28 June	F28 June		

RAW SUGAR	سكر خام
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Spot	1485-1485	1440-1446	7one: irregular
Three months ..	1500-1505	1480-1470	
Sales	50 warrants	25 warrants	
Market quietly easier			
<div> <div>TTN</div> <div>تت</div> </div>			<div> <div>WOOL</div> <div>صوف</div> </div>
			(Greasy Wool)
October	(NT)	(NT)	
December	(NT)	(NT)	

High Grade Cotton	7520-7530	7530-7540	<div>COTTON</div> <div>قطن</div> <div>February 25</div> <div>Liverpool spot cotton and shipment prices</div> <div>in U.S. cents per pound (previous levels in</div>
Three months ..	7630-7650	7640-7650	
Sales	Nil ions	Nil ions	
Market tide			

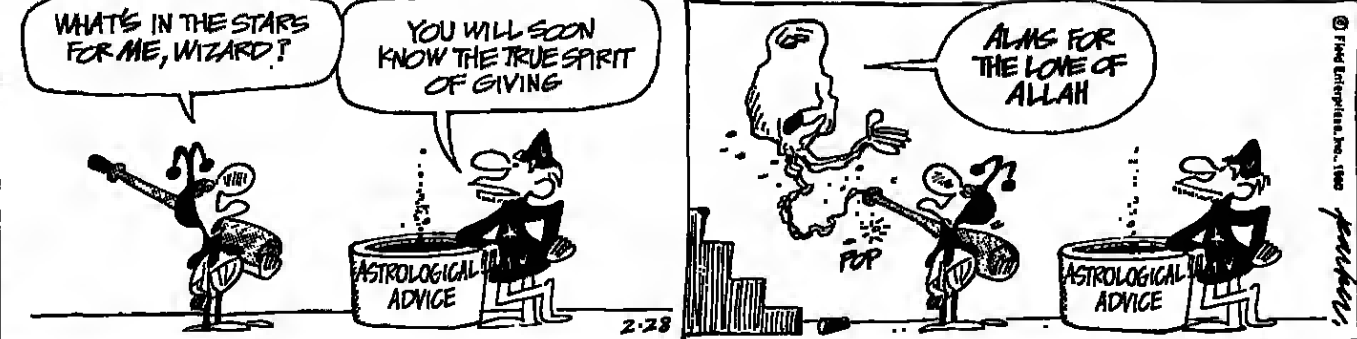
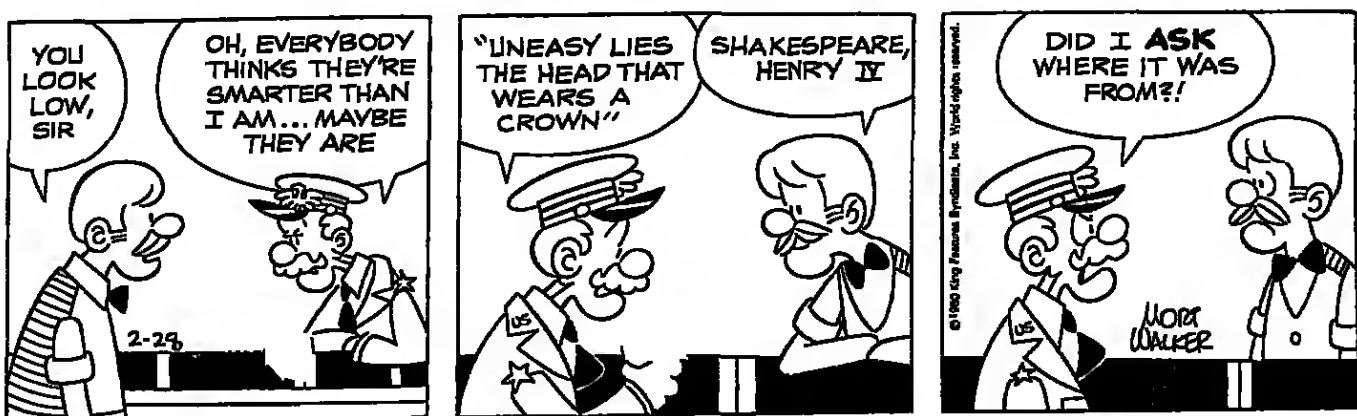
1989-1990 ..	3,000 tons	3,000 tons	Soviet (1 1/16 inch strict middling).
Sales	5,000 tons	2,050 tons	Feb-Mar 100.00 offered (\$90.00).
Market steady but quiet			Maypik Glaza 66 PG, 134.15 offered (UNCH).
			Sudan Barakat (1 1/4 inch).
			Feb-Mar No. 3B, unquoted offered (124.75).
			Feb-Mar No. 5B, unquoted offered (115.51).

U.S. (1)	128.1	127.7	UP 0.3
U.K.	159.8	157.7	UP 1.7
Japan	255.4	254.8	UP 6.7
Canada (2)	203.5	203.1	UP 5.6
Germany	88.5	88.3	UP 4.7
France	128.7	126.3	UP 2.8

Norway	265.7	266.7	DN 2.4
Denmark	118.7	118.7	DN 1.0
Austria	132.9	132.4	UP 0.4

(1) NYSE (2) TSE
Index converted to 1 Jan 1970 Base

SOYBEAN U.S.		
Spot	230.00	230.00
Feb-March	232.00	232.00
April-Sept	237.00	237.00



DENNIS THE MENACE



"YOU BETTER HURRY HOME, MARGARET! IT WOULD BE TERRIBLE IF YOU GOT STUCK HERE IN A BLIZZARD!"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword

BY THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Downed

with a bush

6 Incline

11 "— With Me"

22 Of the same

23 Nervous

24 Twined

25 French street

27 Region

28 Mass Hart's

29 One kind

27 Swindle

28 Complains

29 Jazz

30 Trumpet

31 Past

32 How funny!

33 Burro

34 Being back

35 Quarrel-

36 Greek poet

37 African

38 antelope

39 Hall of

40 Fame

41 catcher

42 Pop

43 DOWN

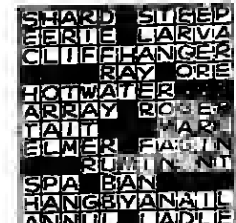
1 Vase

2 Black

3 Work the

4 Il Duce's

5 daughter



Yesterday's Answer

25 Likely

26 Turban

27 Clutch

28 1954 sci-fi

29 Greek letter

30 Thrice

31 Pledge

32 Inlet

33 Hurting

34 Bustle

35 Type of

36 membrane

37 Algerian

38 West

39 Whirlpool

40 Craggy spot

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

A X Y L B A A K E

L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is

used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters,

apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all

hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

PQJBJ XU FZP PQJ VJCUP

NUJ EBJCKQFW PZ CFMZPJ

NFVJUJ MZN KQCFKJ PZ KCPEQ

PQJR XVV—UMGFJM UXRPQ

Yesterday's Cryptquote: PSYCHOLOGY IS SPENDING

FORTY DOLLARS AN HOUR TO SQUEAL ON YOUR

MOTHER—MIKE CONNOLLY

Believe It or Not

FEBRUARY 29

THE MONA LISA

WHEN IT WAS STOLEN FROM THE

LEONARDO IN PARIS FRANCE AND

LEFT A BLANK AREA THAT WAS

GAZED UPON BY A 2-DEEP PERIOD

BY MORE PEOPLE THAN HAD

VIEWED THE ORIGINAL PAINTING

IN THE PRIOR 12 YEARS

THREE TIMES

Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

First Things Come First

East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 6 4

♥ K 9 3

♦ A 9 8 4 3

♣ 7

WEST

♠ 2

♥ Q 10 6 5 3 2

♦ 9

♣ Q 9 8 3

EAST

♠ K J 10 9 7

♥ J

♦ Q J

♣ K 10 5 2

SOUTH

♠ Q 5 3

♥ A 7 4

♦ K 10 2

♣ A J 6 4

The bidding:

East South West North

Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠

1 ♠ Pass Pass 3 ♠

3 NT

Opening lead—eight of

spades.

The defenders usually have

more to think about than the

declarer—because they don't

see each other's hands and

consequently have only a

partial view of their combined

resources. Declarer, however,

seeing dummy's cards and his

own, is in a much better

position to assess his strong

and weak points and to take

advantage of the knowledge

he possesses and the oppo-

nents do not.

East had a problem of sorts

when he won the spade lead

tricks.

Dummy's diamonds were

screening for attention

before declarer's weak spot in

clubs could be exploited. South

should have gone up with the

ace of spades at trick one and

attacked diamonds at trick

two. That was the correct

order of procedure and it

would have led to nine easy

tricks.

Available with your newsboy and at

your nearest news stand daily.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

Thursday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:31	6:48	12:40	4:02	6:27	7:57
Medina	5:34	6:49	12:43	4:02	6:26	7:56
Nejd	5:01	5:21	12:11	3:29	5:55	7:25

DHAHRAN TV

3:00 Children's Show	Jason Of Star Command
3:55 Vision On	Episode
4:00 U.S. Open Tennis	Men's Finals
6:04 Ghosts of Motley Hall	The Pogmore Experiment
6:31 Family Hour Festival	Dear Lovely Hart, I am desperate
7:22 Laverne & Shirley	The Cruise — Pt 1
7:46 Department "S"	Man Who Got A New Face
8:34 The Protectors	Vocal
8:57 Onedin Line	Cry Of The Blackbird
9:42 Channel 3 feature	Pine Canyon Is Burning

PHARMACIES

(Open Thursday Night)

JEDDAH	Tel.
Al-Jomhour Pharmacy	34279
Zamzam Pharmacy	
MECCA	
Mecca Pharmacy	36559
Al-Hikmah Pharmacy	43971
RIYADH	
Al-Nasr Pharmacy	
Ibn Sina Pharmacy	
Al-Rafah Pharmacy	
TAIF	
Bati Pharmacy	
Taif Pharmacy	
DAMMAM	
Al-Khaleel Drug Store	21164
AL-KHOBAR	
Al-Watani Pharmacy	
BOFUJ	
Ibn Sina Drug Store	23553

SAUDI RADIO

On FM at 98 Megahertz in 3.2 meter band
On SW at 11.855 Mhz in 25 meter band
On MW at 1485 Kilohertz in 202 meter band

THURSDAY

Afternoon Transmission

1:00 Opening

1:01 Holy Quran

1:05 Gems of Guidance

1:10 This Week's Landmark

1:20 Top of the Pops

1:50 Classical Music

2:20 On Islam

2:30 Jazz Music

3:00 NEWS

3:10 Press Review

3:15 Music

3:20 Islam The Divine Truth

3:30 A Selection of Music

3:50 Closedown

Evening Transmission

9:00 Opening

9:01 Holy Quran

9:05 Gems of Guidance

9:10 Light Music

9:15 Music Worldwide

9:45 Eve and Her World

10:00 Youth Welfare

10:10 Music

10:15 NEWS

10:25 S.A. — A Daily

Chronicle

10:30 The Evening Show

11:00 World Classics

11:10

11:15 Afro-American Theme

11:45 On Islam

12:00 Concert Choice

12:45 A Rendezvous

with Dreams

01:00 Close down

VOA

P.M.

8:00 News Roundup

Reports: Actualities:

Opinion: Analyses

8:30 Dateline

News Summary

9:00 Special English:

News: Feature. The

Making of a Nation

News Summary

9:30 Music USA:

(Standards)

10:00 News Roundup

Reports: Actualities

10:05 Opening: Analyses

News Summary

10:30 VOC Magazine

America: Letter

Cultural: Letter

11:00 Special English: News

11:30 Music U.S.: (Jazz)

VOA WORLD REPORT

Midnight

12:00 News newsmakers'

voices: correspondents

reports: background

features: media

comments: news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission

8:00 World News

8:09 Twenty-Four Hours

News Summary

8:30 Sarah Ward

8:45 World Today

9:00 Newsdesk

9:30 Opera Star

10:00 World News

10:09 Twenty-Four Hours

News Summary

10:30 Sarah Ward

10:45 Something to

Show You

11:00 World News

11:09 Reflections

11:15 Piano Style

11:30 Brain of Britain 1978

12:00 World News

12:09 British Press Review

12:15 World Today

12:30 Financial News

12:40 Look Ahead

12:45 The Tony Myatt

Evening Transmission

1.15 Ulster in Focus

1.30 Discovery

2.00 World News

2.09 News about Britain

2.15 Alphabet of Musical

Curios

2.30 Sports International

2.40 Radio Newsreel

3.15 Promenade Concert

3.45 Sports Round-up

4.00 World News

4.09 Twenty-Four Hours:

News Summary

4.30 The Pleasure's Yours

5.15 Report on Religion

6.00 Radio Newsreel

6.15 Outlook

7.00 World News

7.09 Commentary

7.15 Sherlock Holmes

7.45 World Today

8.00 World News

8.09 Books and Writers

8.30 Take One

8.45 Sports Round-up

9.00 World News

9.09 News about Britain

9.15 Radio Newsreel

9.30 Farming World

10.00 Outlook News

Summary

10.39 Stock Market Report

10.43 Look Ahead

10.45 Ulster in Focus

11.00 World News

11.09 Twenty-Four Hours:

News Summary

12.15 Talkabout

12.45 Nature Notebook

1.00 World News

1.09 World Today

1.25 Financial News

1.35 Book Choice

1.40 Reflections

1.45 Sports Round-up

2.00 World News

2.09 Commentary

2.15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Francis Drake

FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1989

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

Earliest release now May

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP) — A top Iranian official said Wednesday the fate of the American hostages in Tehran will not be decided by Iran's new parliament until May at the earliest.

Mohammed Beheshti, first secretary of the ruling Revolutionary Council, said it would be that long — 10 weeks — before the Majlis, or Parliament, would be sufficiently organized to deal with the issue. The two rounds of elections for the Parliament will be completed April 3.

Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini said last weekend it would be up to the Parliament to decide whether to release the approximately 50 hostages at the occupied U.S. embassy. Beheshti, talking with reporters conceded that a new ruling by Khomeini could quickly change the situation.

Even if the hostage crisis became the Parliament's first item of business, it was not likely a decision could be made before the end of April, the council secretary said.

"How much time... would be needed (for a decision) I don't know," he said.

Any delay in the elections for the 270-seat legislature, a possibility because of a dispute now raging over the rules, would push back consideration of the issue even further.

Beheshti, who has taken a hard line on the hostage issue and come out in support of the militants occupying the embassy, was appointed by Khomeini last week as head of the supreme court.

Beheshti told reporters the hostage crisis will be solved only when the U.S. government changes its policy toward Iran and acknowledges the legitimacy of Iranian grievances against the former Shah and the role of the United States in the Shah's regime.

The U.N. investigative panel met with Foreign Ministry officials Wednesday. Details of the meeting were not disclosed.

In another development, Tehran radio reported that Mehdi Ayazi, alleged to be a member of the Forghan terrorist group, committed suicide in prison.

Forghan has been blamed for the assassination of several Islamic revolutionary leaders. The public prosecutor's office said Ayazi, under arrest for some 10 months on charges of collaboration with the group, strangled himself with a bedsheet Friday, according to the radio.

The Revolutionary Council announced Tuesday night that Iran welcomes all foreign journalists who satisfy the Iranian embassies

in their countries of their competence to report impartially.

Abolhassan Sadigh, the director of foreign press at the Guidance Ministry in Tehran, confirmed in a telephone conversation with reporters in Cyprus Wednesday that this applied to American correspondents who were expelled from Iran six weeks ago.

"We want to take a look at particular experiences and see whether certain groups can be readmitted to Iran," he said. "It will be a few days before we start making decisions." Tehran radio monitored in Kuwait said the council agreed to let "some American correspondents come to Iran on condition that they abide by the code of the country."

About 90 American correspondents were ordered expelled from Iran Jan. 14 on grounds of biased reporting and concentrating too much on the hostage crisis. Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, elected 11 days later, said he favored allowing reporters to enter the country freely.

The U.N. investigating commission in Tehran meanwhile continued hearing testimony from mutilated Iranians who accused the former Shah's secret police of torturing them.

Rhodesians vote under heavy guard

SALISBURY, Feb. 27 (R) — White Rhodesian troops armed with mortars, machineguns and recoilless rifles swept through Salisbury's black townships on heavy trucks Wednesday as Rhodesia's first independence elections gathered pace.

Despite a slow start in early morning drizzle, polling 5000 picked up with thousands of Africans standing in long lines, dancing and singing, as they awaited their turns at the ballot box.

The most vocal supporters seemed to be those of guerrilla leader Robert Mugabe's ZANU-PF (Zimbabwe African National Union — Patriotic Front) whose election symbol is a crowing rooster.

Imitations of crowing cocks pierced the air at many polling booths while young men waiting in cast their independence ballot wagged their arms in parody of a rooster.

The strong military presence in the black townships was part of a gigantic security clamp-down during the three-day vote.

A military call-up has put around 100,000 men in the field — more than for last year's elections the height of the guerrilla war.

British governor Lord Soames, who toured polling booths to black townships, told reporters: "I believe the message has got through that the vote is secret. There is good turnout."

As he passed lines of voters, the British governor shook hands with them saying: "Today is an important day."

But a handful of ZANU-PF supporters shouted at one polling booth, "Go home Soames, we want a free and fair election."

Mugabe Tuesday night predicted outright victory for his ZANU-PF party but said he would nevertheless accept "the impossible" — defeat.

At an eve-of-poll press conference at his home here, the man whose forces helped bring down white rule through seven years of bloody war declared: "We have never lost before, we never lost the war, we never lost the national struggle and we cannot lose the elections. We are therefore poised to be the government of the day."

Pressed by reporters to say whether he and his supporters would accept defeat in the three-day elections, he said: "We are going to win... (hnt) if the impossible were to happen... we would just say, well, it's bad luck. That's the result."

In another development, Rhodesian military commander General Peter Walls assured Mozambique leaders that there will not be a coup if the Marxist-leaning Mugabe wins the election, well-informed sources said.

Walls and Rhodesian intelligence chief Kenneth Flower held secret talks in Maputo at the weekend with senior Mozambique government and military officials, the sources said.

The Rhodesians received assurances that president Samora Machel's government would accept the result of the three-day election.

Carter, Reagan win in New Hampshire

Republican fires campaign manager while votes tallied

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — President Jimmy Carter Wednesday took firm command of the 1980 Democratic presidential race with a New Hampshire primary election victory which left Senator Edward Kennedy a distant long-shot.

The year's first full-scale U.S. primary Tuesday produced an equally dramatic result on the Republican side, where former California Governor Ronald Reagan stunned pollsters with a landslide win over former United Nations Ambassador George Bush, the previous frontrunner.

With virtually all votes tallied, Carter was a 49 to 39 per cent victor over Kennedy in a state which borders the senator's state of Massachusetts and was viewed as part of his home turf.

California Governor Jerry Brown had 10 per cent and two minor candidates shared the rest of the vote.

Among the Republicans, Reagan scored 50 per cent, Bush 23 per cent — the polls had rated them even — and Senate Republican leader Howard Baker of Tennessee 13 per cent.

Even as the votes were being counted, Reagan fired his campaign manager John Sears and named former U.S. Securities and Exchange Commissioner William J. Casey to replace him.

Two other top aides in the Reagan campaign resigned in apparent protest of the ouster of Sears.

Reagan said he acted to put more emphasis on "the people-to-people type of campaigning" and to reduce campaign expenditures.

Congressman John Anderson of Illinois got 10 per cent of the Republican vote and three other candidates finished with two per cent or less.

A mere handful of the U.S. voting populace, about 250,000 people, took part in the primary and their decisions set only a few delegates to this summer's national con-



President Carter



Ronald Reagan

ventions which will choose the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates for the November election. But the New Hampshire primary carries special weight in U.S. politics for the trend it is supposed to reveal and the early momentum it has given the winning presidential candidate in every general election since 1952.

Analysts offered instant interpretations of the devastating damage done to Kennedy's dreams of restoring the family political dynasty to the White House, and they also dwelt at length on Reagan's rebirth as a powerful challenger.

Winners and losers alike got on camera to claim a victory or make light of defeat. Each, including Kennedy, assured supporters he was still in the race.

"We have almost 40 per cent of the vote," Kennedy told glum campaign supporters in a hearty effort to buoy their morale. "Four years ago (in the 1976 New Hampshire primary) Jimmy Carter got 28 per cent of the vote and he claimed victory and we're claiming victory tonight."

But the senator threw back his head and laughed at his own remark. It rang hollow in light of the fact that Carter in 1976 was a newcomer on the political scene to a six-way

race and not a Kennedy campaigning in a New England state where Kennedys were once beyond challenge.

According to surveys of voters leaving the polls, Kennedy made little headway in his efforts to blast Carter's economic and foreign policies and suffered from a negative personal image based partly on the 1969 Chapquidick accident in which a young woman secretary drowned when a car he was driving ran off a bridge.

At the White House, where he has remained aloof from campaigning during the Iraq hostage and Afghan crises, Carter claimed the outcome proved "the people support what we are doing in international affairs and the problem of inflation."

Kennedy, beaten by the president in two earlier non-primary votes, could expect a win next week in his home state of Massachusetts. But beyond that political strategists anticipated one Carter victory after another in the south, his home region, the midwest and beyond.

Among Republicans, Reagan, the 69-year-old former film star, expressed elation that New Hampshire voters ignored claims that he was too old and apparently liked his get-tough foreign and defense opinions.

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Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

No one asks to be born. Similarly, no one asks to have a head cold. These things just happen. Like having to pay taxes — but that is another story.

Once you get your cold, a wide choice of remedies awaits you — from modern medicine to old wives' tales. All of them, of course, are failures. The only temporary relief is afforded by moaning, groaning, and generally making life unbearable for all who are nearest and dearest to you.

A drastic cure, banned to Muslims, is alcoholic drink — brandy, whisky and such like. Here also, there is no question of cure. You just become too far gone to notice your troubles. The next day, things are twice as terrible.

Some take their cold philosophically. Some, perversely, profess to enjoy it. There is that housewife who asserts that a good head cold is heaven sent as far as she is concerned. It is the only time when she can have a lie-in, which the rest of the family dancing around her in attendance.

But that housewife must be young and hardy. She cannot have more than one cold a year. The pleasure this brings there-

fore does not have time to fade. Not so if you are older, when a departing cold is a cue for the next cold to descend. You spend what seem to be weeks in bed and emerge, pale and shaken, as though getting over yellow fever.

Arabs are more prone to cold than other people. Nothing genetic here, only that where foreigners merely shake hands when they meet Arabs tend to take each other in warm embraces. Some, of more conservative attitudes, rub noses together. Thus soon, whole families, then tribes, then provinces, catch that same original cold.

Some leaders are known to use their colds as a form of bacteriological warfare. Like, feeling politically isolated, and happening to have a nasty cold at the time, you attend a summit solely for the purpose of spreading your disfigurement around. You make a special point of warmly embracing your political enemies and breathing your sentiments about the need for national unity directly into their faces.

The corridors of power, it is reported, resound then with moans and sneezes throughout the land.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awsat

Tito weakened by loss of blood

BELGRADE, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — President Josip Broz Tito's condition worsened dangerously Wednesday. Doctors prescribed a new complication in his gravely weakened state: loss of blood.

The sudden hemorrhage was announced in a bulletin which said the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader remained critically ill with pneumonia and a gradually weakening heart.

He has been close to death at least three times in the last 47 days. Official sources said they now believed the end was imminent, perhaps a matter of days.

The bulletin gave no details of the hemorrhage, and no indication whether the bleeding was internal or external. Tito's left leg was amputated on Jan. 20 to relieve an acute circulatory blockage.

Medical sources said the bulletin was too vaguely phrased to interpret clearly, but that loss of blood in his generally grave condition was obviously very serious and could accelerate death.

Gold prices drop; dollar steady

LONDON Feb. 27 (AP) — Gold prices dipped to Europe Wednesday morning, and the dollar held steady on world currency markets.

Gold bullion lost \$ 10 an ounce in early trading on the big Zurich market and was selling for \$ 634.50 a troy ounce in London. The "pre-fixing" price by five major dealers was \$ 632.50 down to \$ 7.50 from Tuesday's closing.

In Tokyo, where the business day ends

before Europe's begins, the dollar closed at 248.725 yen, up from 248.375 yen Tuesday. Gold in moderate trading closed at \$ 626.55 in Hong Kong, down \$ 4.84 from Tuesday's close.

Dealers reported gold which opened at \$ 625.12 an ounce fluctuated within a narrow margin throughout the day.

Gold closed at \$ 631.39 an ounce Tuesday. London silver prices eased to \$ 33.25 an ounce from \$ 33.50 Tuesday.

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